

2026 SC Environmental Policy and Infrastructure Conference (EPIC) Agenda



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Time	Track Type	Transportation Infrastructure Track	Environmental Policy Track
8:15 AM - 8:30 AM	Welcome Address		
8:30 AM - 9:20 AM	Morning Keynote	Momentum into Action: Building the Future of Environmental Services in South Carolina Myra Reece, SCDES	
9:30 AM - 10:20 AM	Breakout Sessions	Cultural Resource Management (archaeology and historic preservation) and the requirements for NEPA & NHPA Section 106 permitting Mechelle Kerns, RES	Advancing Coastal Management in South Carolina: Regulatory Updates and Process Improvements Chris Stout, SCDES-BCM
10:30 AM - 11:20 AM		Waters of the United States: Meandering Regulatory Riffles, Pools and Runs Ward Marotti, Spangler Env.	SC Resilient Coastal Communities Collaborative Program Karen Hardison, SCOR
11:30 AM - Noon	Lunch		
Noon - 1:00 PM	Lunch Keynote	US Nuclear Regulatory Commission Update David Wright, Chariman USNRC	
1:10 PM - 2:00 PM	Breakout Sessions	State Species Regulatory Update and Bat Surveys 101 Lorianne Riffin & Hunter Stewart, SCDNR	Recent court cases involving 401 Water Quality Certification and SCDES policy Ethan Ware, Williams Mullen
2:00 PM - 2:20 PM	Networking Break with Exhibitors		
2:30 PM - 3:20 PM	Breakout Sessions	USACE and RRS Implementation Kristin Andrade, USACE	Reissuing the NPDES Construction General Permit: Updates, Changes, and Next Steps John Poole, SCDES
3:30 PM - 4:20 PM		Whats Hot in ESO SCDOT ESO	Beat Your Competition: Strategies that Overcome Environmental Issues During Land Development Jim Spangler, Spangler Env.

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