

**Oil and Natural Gas Roundtable**  
Tuesday, January 23 and Wednesday, January 24, 2018  
U.S. EPA Region 8 | 1595 Wynkoop Street | Denver, Colorado 80202

**Agenda for Tuesday, January 23, 2018**

8:00-8:30 am **Registration**

8:30-9:00

**Welcome**

Doug Benevento, Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8

**Opening Remarks**

Ken Wagner, Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Regional and State Affairs  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Martha E. Rudolph, Co-Chair  
Shale Gas Caucus  
Environmental Council of States  
and Director of Environmental Programs  
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Matthew J. Lepore, Vice Chairman  
Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission  
and Director of Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
Department of Natural Resources

9:00-9:20

**Orientation and Participant Introductions**

Oil and Natural Gas Roundtable Facilitator

9:20-10:15

**Session 1: Identifying Barriers which Prevent Cost-Effective and Timely Compliance**

Roundtable Discussion

In this session, we will discuss specific barriers that prevent cost-effective and timely compliance. Identifying the root causes of these barriers will aid in finding meaningful solutions. In this session, participants will share their individual ideas or experiences. By the end of this session, the participants will have a list of the common barriers to cost-effective and timely compliance and their underlying root causes. Further, participants will discuss how the barriers/root causes fit into the following categories: (1) Regulation and Policy, (2) Permitting, or (3) Compliance Assurance.

10:15-10:30

**Break**

10:30-11:45

**Continuation of Session 1: Identifying the Barriers to Cost-Effective and Timely Compliance**

Roundtable Discussion

11:45-1:00

**Lunch**

1:00-2:45 pm

**Session 2: Identifying Meaningful Solutions to Improve Cost-Effective and Timely Compliance**

Roundtable Discussion

In this session, participants will work within one of three topic areas: (1) Regulation and Policy, (2) Permitting, or (3) Compliance Assurance. During this session, each participant will identify

meaningful solutions to the to the barriers pertaining to their respective track and their root causes. In this session, participants will share their individual ideas or experiences. Arriving at a variety of meaningful solutions for each barrier/root cause is the desired outcome.

*Topic Area 1: Regulation and Policy*

Discussion leader:

Richard Simmers, Second Vice Chair, IOGCC  
and Chief, Division of Oil and Gas Resource Management  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources

*Topic Area 2: Permitting*

Discussion leader:

David Glatt, Co-Chair  
Shale Gas Caucus  
Environmental Council of States  
and Chief of the Environmental Health Section  
North Dakota Department of Health

*Topic Area 3: Compliance Assurance*

Discussion Leader:

Patrick Traylor, Deputy Assistant Administrator  
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

2:45-3:00 **Break**

3:00-4:45 **Session 3: A Menu of Solutions**  
Roundtable Discussion

In this session, participants will come back together, and each of the three discussion leaders will share some of the key solutions related to the barriers associated with their respective topics that individual participants generated.

4:45 **Recap of Day One**  
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5:00 **Adjourn**

Optional networking happy hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (Location TBD)

**Agenda for Wednesday, January 24, 2018**

8:00-9:00 **Session 1: Reactions to the Barriers, Root Causes, and Menu of Solutions**  
Roundtable Discussion

During this session, participants will begin the day by sharing any reactions to the previous day's discussions.

9:00-10:00 **Session 2: Identification of Innovative, Successful Processes and Examples**  
Roundtable Discussion

Presentation of two case studies in which innovative and creative solutions were employed to help resolve or lower the barrier(s) toward cost-effective and timely compliance. Following the presentation on the case studies, participants can share their individual experiences or ideas on areas ripe for innovative and creative solutions.

10:00-10:15 **Break**

10:15-11:15 **Session 3: The Path Forward**

Martha E. Rudolph and David Glatt, representing the Environmental Council of States Shale Gas Caucus and Matthew J. Lepore, representing the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission will discuss the continuation of the January roundtable effort during their March and May meetings, respectively. EPA (TBD) will discuss how it intends to share the January roundtable outcomes with all stakeholders.

11:15-11:30 **Recap of Day Two**  
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11:30-12:00 **Closing Panel Remarks**  
Ken Wagner, Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Regional and State Affairs  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
  
Todd Parfit, President  
Environmental Council of States  
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Director  
  
Mike Smith, Executive Director  
Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission