



**National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology  
Agenda  
September 28-29, 2015**

**U.S. EPA  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
WJC South, Room 2138  
Washington, DC 20460**

**Monday, September 28, 2015**

**8:30 am** Registration

**9:00 am** Welcome, Introductions, and Overview of Agenda

Eugene Green  
Designated Federal Officer  
EPA Office of Diversity, Advisory Committee Management and Outreach

Bill Ross  
NACEPT Chair

Denise Benjamin-Sirmons  
Director  
EPA Office of Diversity, Advisory Committee Management and Outreach

**9:30 am** Opening Remarks

Karl Brooks  
Acting Assistant Administrator  
Office of Administration and Resources Management

Tom Burke  
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Research and EPA Science Advisor  
Office of Research and Development

**10:15 am** Overview and Discussion of NACEPT Charge on Citizen Science to Advance Environmental Protection at EPA

Jay Benforado  
Deputy Chief Innovation Officer  
Office of Research and Development

Bill Ross  
NACEPT Chair

**10:45 am** Break

**11:00 am** Citizen Science at EPA  
*[10 minute presentations with 5 minutes for questions, followed by a panel discussion]*

Panelists will provide an overview of citizen science activities and progress in different organizations within EPA, as well as provide historical context.

Moderator Jay Benforado  
Deputy Chief Innovation Officer  
Office of Research and Development

**11:00-11:15** Community Empowerment

Deb Szaro  
Deputy Regional Administrator, Region 1

**11:15-11:30** Air Monitoring and Research

Dan Costa  
National Program Director  
Air, Climate, and Energy Research Program

**11:30-11:45** Water Monitoring and Research

Susan Holdsworth  
Monitoring Branch Chief  
Assessment and Watershed Protection Division  
Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds

**11:45-12:00** Environmental Justice

Matt Tejada  
Director  
Office of Environmental Justice

**12:00-12:30** Panel Discussion

What are the current plans and issues for EPA's future work on citizen science?

**12:30 pm** Lunch

**1:30 pm** USGS: A Model Agency for the Strategic Use of Citizen Science

David Applegate  
Associate Director  
Natural Hazards  
U.S. Geological Survey

**2:00 pm** Panel Discussion: The Breadth and Diversity of Citizen Science  
*[10 minute presentations with 5 minutes for questions, followed by a panel discussion]*

Panelists will provide examples of the diversity of uses of citizen science projects and data in federal and state government, as well as outside government.

Moderator Jay Benforado  
Deputy Chief Innovation Officer  
Office of Research and Development

**2:00-2:15** Introduction

**2:15-2:30** The Key Role of States

Kris Stepenuck  
Extension Assistant Professor of Watershed Science,  
Policy, and Education  
The University of Vermont

**2:30-2:45** Perspectives from the Academic Community

Jennifer Shirk  
Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Citizen Science Association

**2:45-3:00** Museums and NGOs: Partners in Environmental Education

Caren Cooper  
Assistant Director, Biodiversity Research Lab  
North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences

**3:00-3:30** Panel Discussion

How can EPA best support and participate in citizen science?

**3:30 pm** Break

**3:45 pm** Update on NACEPT Subcommittee on Clarifying State and Tribal Assumed Waters under Section 404(g)(1) of the Clean Water Act

Laura Bachle  
Designated Federal Officer  
Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds  
U.S. EPA Office of Water

**4:15 pm** Discussion of NACEPT Charge on Citizen Science to Advance Environmental Protection at EPA and Council's Response

Bill Ross  
NACEPT Chair

Council Members

**5:00 pm** Public Comments

**5:15 pm** Discussion of Agenda and Objectives for Tuesday, September 29

Bill Ross  
NACEPT Chair

**5:30 pm** Adjourn

**Tuesday, September 29, 2015**

**8:30 am** Registration

**9:00 am** Discussion of Council's Response to NACEPT Charge on Citizen Science to Advance Environmental Protection at EPA

Bill Ross  
NACEPT Chair

Council Members

**10:30 am** Break

**10:45 am** Discussion of Council's Response to NACEPT Charge on Citizen Science to Advance Environmental Protection at EPA

**12:00 pm** Public Comments

**12:15 pm** Working Lunch

**1:15 pm** Discussion of Council's Response to NACEPT Charge on Citizen Science to Advance Environmental Protection at EPA

**2:30 pm** Discussion of Action Items and Next Steps

Bill Ross  
NACEPT Chair

Council Members

**3:00 pm** Adjourn