



Metro 4/SESARM Air Directors' Meeting

FALL 2026

Meeting Venue—[Snodgrass Tennessee Tower](#), Tennessee Room (312 Rosa L Parks Ave | Nashville, TN | 37243)

Hotel Block—[Hampton Inn & Suites](#), Nashville Downtown Capital View (530 11th Ave North | Nashville, TN | 37203)

Tuesday, October 27 <i>(Metro 4/SESARM state and local air agency directors, deputy directors, and their proxies)</i>		
1:00 pm (Central Time)	Metro 4 Fall 2026 Business Meeting (45 min) <i>Elect officers, approve FY 2027 budget, adopt revised procedures, conduct other formal business (see agenda).</i>	Diana Lee, President Metro 4 Only
1:45 pm	Break (15 min)	
2:00 pm	Local and State Air Director — Training Exercise(s) (90 min) <i>Discuss new training programs—certified air quality professional and new air program director orientation.</i>	Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM Metro 4 and SESARM Only
3:30 pm	Break (15 min)	
3:45 pm	SESARM Fall 2026 Business Meeting (45 min) <i>Elect officers, approve FY 2027 budget, adopt revised procedures, conduct other formal business (see agenda).</i>	Rhonda Thompson, Chair SESARM Only
4:30 pm	Adjourn	

Wednesday, October 28 (morning session) <i>(Metro 4/SESARM and EPA Region 4 staff)</i>		
8:30 am (Central Time)	Welcome and Introductions (5 min) <i>Welcome new employees, go over housekeeping items.</i>	Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM
	Introductory Remarks (10 min) <i>Review EPA Region 4 Air and Radiation Division (ARD) success and priorities, identify key EPA Region 4 staff roles, and share organizational changes.</i>	Denisse Diaz, Director, EPA R4 ARD
8:45 am	Laboratory Services and Applied Science Division (LSASD) Updates (15 min) <i>Provide updates from EPA Region 4 program areas.</i>	Larry Lamberth, Acting Director, EPA R4 LSASD
9:00 am	Grants Management Updates (45 min) <i>Share status of Region 4 grants focusing on core 103 and 105 grants, discuss PPA/PPG and other grant programs.</i>	Donnette Sturdivant, Manager, EPA R4 AASB Patrick Stone, EPA R4 Mission Support Division
9:45 am	Break (15 min)	
10:00 am	Air Analysis and Support Branch (AASB) Updates (45 min) <i>Provide updates from EPA Region 4 AASB and the Air Data and Analysis Section (ADAS) and Regulatory and Community Air Toxics Section (RCATS).</i>	Donnette Sturdivant, Manager, EPA R4 AASB Katy Lusky, Supervisor, EPA R4 AASB ADAS Ryan Brown, Supervisor, EPA R4 AASB RCATS
10:45 am	Air Planning and Implementation Branch (APIB) Updates (45 min) <i>Provide updates from EPA Region 4 APIB and the Air Permits Section.</i>	Jeannie Williamson, Acting Manager, EPA R4 APIB Lorinda Shepherd, Acting Supervisor, EPA R4 APIB Air Permits Section
11:30 am	Lunch (on your own)	

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Wednesday, October 28 (afternoon session) (Metro 4/SESARM and EPA Region 4 staff)		
1:00 pm (Central Time)	NAAQS and Emissions Screening Tool (NEST) (30 min) <i>Demonstrate Tennessee DEC's new APC Shiny Apps Tool.</i>	Larry Yocom, Tennessee DEC
1:30 pm	New Tools for Air Quality Management (45 min) <i>Highlight new and updated data visualization and analysis tools developed by Office of State Air Partnerships (OSAP)—HYSPLIT, EMBER, and Fire and Smoke Map.</i>	Loren Fox, EPA OSAP Andrea Clements, EPA OSAP
2:15 pm	Break (15 min)	
2:30 pm	Permitting Data Centers, Presentation and Q&A (90 min) <i>Simulcast session joining the WESTAR Fall 2026 meeting, live from Boise, Idaho.</i>	Gary McCutchen, RTP Environmental
4:00 pm	Impact of AI on Local and State Air Programs (60 min) • <i>Public comments and permit processing in Georgia.</i> • <i>Roundtable discussion—At your agency, do you have AI licenses? Policies for its use? Best practices? Prohibitions?</i>	Steve Allison, Georgia EPD Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM—Facilitator
5:00 pm	Adjourn	

6:30 – 8:00 pm	Please join us for social time at Pins Mechanical. Duckpin bowling, pinball, ping pong, bocce, and more! https://www.pinsbar.com/locations/nashville
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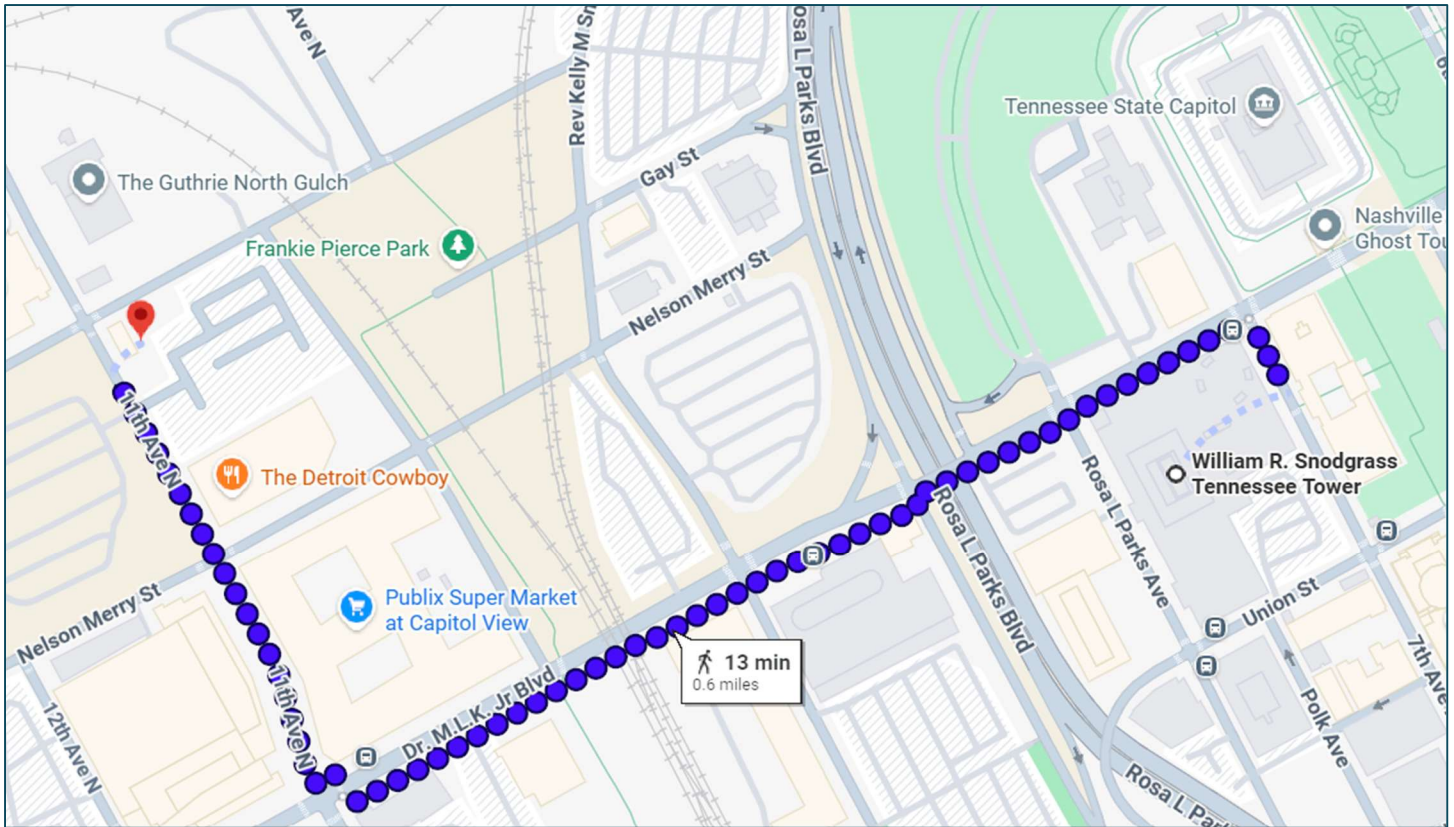
Thursday, October 29 (Metro 4/SESARM and EPA Region 4 staff)		
8:00 am (Central Time)	Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division (ECAD) Updates (30 min) <i>Provide updates from EPA Region 4 ECAD.</i>	Ahmad Dromgoole, EPA R4 ECAD
8:30 am	Grants Management Committee Charter (60 min) <i>Group exercise to scope out a joint Grants Management Committee—topics to address, logistics, and staffing.</i>	Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM—Facilitator
9:30 am	Break (15 min)	
9:45 am	Grants Management Committee Charter (15 min) <i>Continued discussion to confirm consensus for charter.</i>	Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM—Facilitator
10:00 am	Communicating Risk/Bias Introduced by Jargon (30 min) <i>Share tips and practices to enhance public communication.</i>	Dr. Olivia Nadel, Florida Atlantic University, College of Business, Dept of Marketing
10:30 am	Office of State Air Partnerships (OSAP), Air Quality Assessment Division (AQAD) Updates (45 min) <i>Provide updates from EPA Headquarters program areas.</i>	Karen Wesson, Director, EPA OSAP AQAD
11:15 am	OSAP Air Quality Planning Division Updates (AQPD) (45 min) <i>Provide updates from EPA Headquarters program areas.</i>	Dylan Mataway-Novak, Deputy Director, EPA OSAP AQPD
12:00 pm	Wrap Up, Meeting Review, and Next Steps (5 min) <i>Close out the meeting with identified action items.</i>	Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM—Facilitator
	Adjourn	

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