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 *(Metro 4/SESARM state and local air agency directors, deputy directors, and their proxies)*		
1:00 pm (Central Time)	Metro 4 Fall 2026 Business Meeting (45 min) *Elect officers, approve FY 2027 budget, adopt revised procedures, conduct other formal business (see agenda).*	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) *Discuss new training programs—certified air quality professional and new air program director orientation.*	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) *Elect officers, approve FY 2027 budget, adopt revised procedures, conduct other formal business (see agenda).*	Rhonda Thompson, Chair **SESARM Only**
4:30 pm	**Adjourn**	

Wednesday, October 28 (morning session) *(Metro 4/SESARM and EPA Region 4 staff)*		
8:15 am (Central Time)	Welcome and Introductions (15 min) *Welcome, go over housekeeping items and meeting agenda.*	Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM Michelle Oakes, Tennessee DEC John Finke, Nashville-Davidson County
8:30 am	Introductory Remarks (15 min) *Review EPA Region 4 Air and Radiation Division (ARD) success and priorities, share organizational changes, etc.*	Denisse Diaz, Director, EPA R4 ARD
8:45 am	Laboratory Services and Applied Science Division (LSASD) Updates (15 min) *Provide updates from EPA Region 4 program areas.*	Larry Lamberth, Director, EPA R4 LSASD
9:00 am	Grants Management Updates (45 min) *Share status of Region 4 grants focusing on core 103 and 105 grants, discuss PPA/PPG and other grant programs.*	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) *Provide updates from EPA Region 4 AASB and the Air Data and Analysis Section (ADAS) and Regulatory and Community Air Toxics Section (RCATS).*	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) *Provide updates from EPA Region 4 APIB and the Air Permits Section.*	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) *Demonstrate Tennessee DEC's new APC Shiny Apps Tool.*	Larry Yocom, Tennessee DEC
1:30 pm	New Tools for Air Quality Management (45 min) *Highlight new and updated data visualization and analysis tools developed by Office of State Air Partnerships (OSAP)—HYSPLIT, EMBER, and Fire and Smoke Map.*	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) *Simulcast session joining the WESTAR Fall 2026 meeting, live from Boise, Idaho.*	Gary McCutchen, RTP Environmental
4:00 pm	Impact of AI on Local and State Air Programs (60 min) • *Public comments and permit processing in Georgia.* • *Roundtable discussion—At your agency, do you have AI licenses? Policies for its use? Best practices? Prohibitions?*	Steve Allison, Georgia EPD Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM—Facilitator
5:00 pm	**Adjourn**	

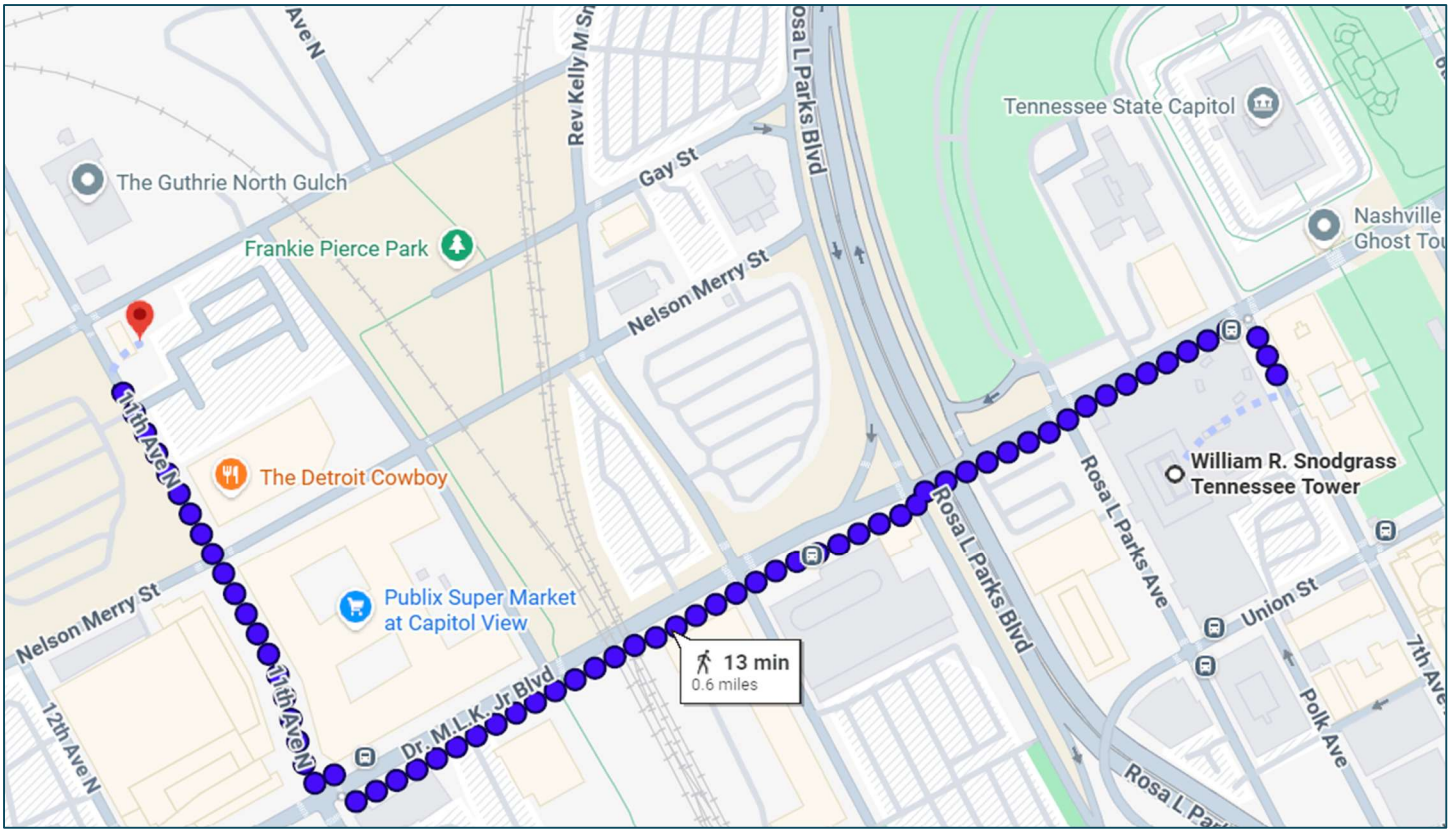
6:30 – 8:00 pm	**Please join us for social time at Pins Mechanical. Duckpin bowling, pinball, ping pong, bocce, and more!** **https://www.pinsbar.com/locations/nashville**

Thursday, October 29 *(Metro 4/SESARM and EPA Region 4 staff)*		
8:15 am (Central Time)	Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division (ECAD) Updates (30 min) *Provide updates from EPA Region 4 ECAD.*	Ahmad Dromgoole, EPA R4 ECAD
8:45 am	Grants Management Committee Charter (60 min) *Group exercise to scope out a joint Grants Management Committee—topics to address, logistics, and staffing.*	Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM—Facilitator
9:45 am	**Break (15 min)**	
10:00 am	Communicating Risk/Bias Introduced by Jargon (30 min) *Share tips and practices to enhance public communication.*	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) *Provide updates from EPA Headquarters program areas.*	Karen Wesson, Director, EPA OSAP AQAD
11:15 am	OSAP Air Quality Planning Division Updates (AQPD) (45 min) *Provide updates from EPA Headquarters program areas.*	Dylan Mataway-Novak, Deputy Director, EPA OSAP AQPD
12:00 pm	Wrap Up, Meeting Review, and Next Steps (5 min) *Close out the meeting with identified action items.*	Greg DeAngelo, Metro 4/SESARM—Facilitator
	Adjourn	

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