



National Association of Remedial Project Managers

Annual Training Program



May 24-28, 2010 • Potomac Yard • Arlington, Virginia

Addressing the EPA Administrator's Priorities

NARPM promotes the exchange of information between RPMs from all regional offices, provides a forum where RPMs discuss regional and national issues of concern, and identifies ways that RPMs respond to those issues.

The primary tool for accomplishing NARPM's objectives is the Annual Training Program. The 2010 program brings to focus many of EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson's priorities for the Agency. Several sessions at the 2010 program specifically focus on community engagement and environmental justice, including:

- ❖ Environmental Justice Resources and Tools for RPMs Panel Session
- ❖ How to Make Public Participation Work for You
- ❖ Reducing Risk by Changing Behavior
- ❖ Technical Services for Communities and the Superfund Job Training Initiative
- ❖ Community Engagement Initiative: Moving Into the Future
- ❖ Risk Communication
- ❖ Working Together: Getting the Best Results Through Partnerships (Everybody Wins!)
- ❖ An Introduction to Collaborative Decision-Making
- ❖ Interest Based Negotiation for RPMs

The NARPM Co-Chairs extend formal invitations to their state and tribal counterparts to build strong partnerships and share EPA's expertise and capacity to bolster state and tribal efforts. The Administrator's priority on protecting America's waterways is addressed by the Integrating Water and Waste Programs to Restore Watersheds Information Session and two courses on sediment site characterization and cleanup.

Other sessions promote climate change and cleaning up communities:

- ❖ Ecological Revitalization – Case Studies and Tools to Improve Your Cleanups
- ❖ Green Remediation Implementation and Case Studies
- ❖ Superfund Redevelopment Initiative: Top 5 Tools to Jumpstart Reuse at Your Superfund Sites
- ❖ Superfund Redevelopment Initiative Flash Mentoring

Visit www.epanarpm.org/2010 for the detailed program agenda and a complete schedule of events.

Schedule of Events

The Annual NARPM Training Program will be held Monday, May 24 – Friday, May 28, 2010, at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Reagan National Airport (Washington, DC Metro Area). In conjunction with the 20th Annual NARPM Training Program, EPA also will conduct the following meetings:

- ❖ Remedial Branch Chiefs Regions'-Only Session
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- ❖ Superfund Division Directors Regions'-Only Session
- ❖ Regional Counsel Meeting
- ❖ Remedial Branch Chiefs, Regional Division Directors, and OSRTI Joint Meeting
- ❖ National Superfund Division Directors Meeting

The Technical Support Project (TSP) Forums, Ground Water, Federal Facilities, and Engineering Forums, along with the Contaminated Sediment Forum will host sessions and conduct their business meetings.

The opening ceremony for the training program will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 24, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency. Daily plenary sessions for Tuesday – Thursday will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Onsite check-in for the training program and each meeting will be available on Sunday, May 23, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency. Onsite check-in will continue Monday, May 24 at 7:00 a.m. through Thursday, May 27 until 5:00 p.m.

Networking Opportunities

One of the primary objectives of the annual NARPM training program is to network and exchange information about technologies, cleanup strategies, and lessons learned. Several special events are planned to provide additional opportunities, outside of training times, to support this objective:

- ❖ **Monday, May 24** — Resource Area & Poster Session Open House offers exhibits and information that RPMs find useful when they complete remedial site activities.
- ❖ **Wednesday, May 26** — Join the 2010 NARPM Co-Chairs, your NARPM Regional Council Representatives, and staff from EPA's Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation and the Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse Office for *Brown Bag in the Ballroom* during lunch time on Wednesday, May 26 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Brown Bag in the Ballroom offers an excellent opportunity to continue one of the most important activities that takes place at the Annual NARPM Training Program, **NETWORKING!!** This lunch-time networking opportunity supports the NARPM objective to exchange information about technologies, cleanup strategies, and lessons learned among EPA RPMs, Headquarters, and federal, tribal, state, and local counterparts.

Lunch is available for purchase. During registration, participants may select a lunch choice from several options.



NARPM teams up for volleyball (2008)

- ❖ **Thursday, May 27** — Annual NARPM Picnic — Join the NARPM attendees to celebrate a week of training at a local area park and one last opportunity to network.
- ❖ **After Hour Social Activities** — To help build relationships, the EPA Headquarters ground crew members are planning evening activities for the Annual NARPM Training Program attendees.

20 Years of Training by RPMs for RPMs



Since 1990, EPA has supported training “by RPMs for RPMs” by hosting the Annual NARPM Training Program, which offers high quality technical training through a variety of delivery methods, including training courses, panel and information sessions, technical forums, expert speakers, poster sessions, and an interactive resource area.

For 20 years, the annual training program has served as a national forum where RPMs discuss regional and national issues of concern, identify ways to respond to issues, and coordinate with EPA Headquarters to promote national consistency in the implementation of Superfund's remedial program. The Annual NARPM Training Program brings together in a single venue RPMs, EPA regional remedial support staff, senior managers, community involvement coordinators, regional attorneys, members of EPA's Environmental Response Team, representatives from other federal, state, tribal, and local environmental agencies to learn, network, and communicate cleanup strategies and solutions.

The benefits of bringing together staff from EPA's remedial program to train together on an annual basis in a single location are proven by the successes and accomplishments of the Annual NARPM Training Program. Every year, the networking of RPMs with their regional counterparts, staff



Former NARPM Co-Chairs

from EPA Headquarters, and local, state, tribal, and federal project managers ensures that information about policies, technologies, remedial strategies, and lessons learned is shared across EPA's remedial program.

As the Annual NARPM Training Program celebrates 20 years of training by RPMs for RPMs, the purpose of the annual training program remains focused on RPMs; keeping the training new, fresh, and relevant; and keeping mechanisms open for suggestions and continuous improvements.