

Regional Conference Agenda

August 25–27, 2026

1201 Elm Street, Suite 500 Dallas, TX 75270

5th Floor Conference Room

Day 1 - August 25, 2026

Day 1	7:45–8:45 am	Doors Open for Registered Guest: Upon Attendee Arrival — Real ID and Security Check-In		Snacks & Refreshments
Day 1	9:00–9:10 am	Opening Remarks	Opening Remarks & RA Introduction	Althea Foster
Day 1	9:10–9:20 am	EPA	Regional Administrator (RA)	Scott Mason
Day 1	9:20–9:30 am	Opening Remarks	Opening video (6 min) + Housekeeping	Althea Foster
Day 1	9:35–9:55 am	EPA	UST	Amber Howard
Day 1	9:55–10:00 am	Break	Break (5 min)	—
Day 1	10:00–10:15 am	Brownfields 101	Your Brownfields Playbook	Mike Kennedy
Day 1	10:15–11:15 am	Liability	Brownfields Eligibility & Liability Basics	Jake Piehl & Reza Sadeghzadeh
Day 1	11:15 am–12:00 pm	EPA TBA Program	Brownfields “Blight to Bright” Group Activity	Roxanne Welch
Day 1	12:00–1:15 pm	Lunch	Lunch	—
Day 1	1:15–1:35 pm	TA Providers Panel	“KSU TAB Program — Kansas State University”	Scott Nightingale
Day 1	1:35–2:05 pm	EPA	Cross-Program Funding Opportunities; Leveraging DWSRF/CWSRF for BF	Thomas Clooney
Day 1	2:05–2:10 pm	Break	Break — Tech setup for ICF (5 min)	—
Day 1	2:10–2:40 pm	Technical Assistance	Technical Assistance — EPA Land Revitalization Program	Emily Blanton
Day 1	2:40–3:00 pm	Technical Assistance	RLF TAB — Technical Assistance for Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund	Patricia Santa Cruz & Betsey Suchanic
Day 1	3:00–3:30 pm	Technical Assistance	EPA Land Revitalization: Technical Assistance	Danielle Getsinger

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Day 1	3:30–3:35 pm	Break	Break (5 min)	—
Day 1	3:35–3:55 pm	States/Tribal	NMED: State and Tribal Collaborations	Savannah Richards
Day 1	3:55–4:30 pm	Grantee Awards	FY25 & FY26	Roxanne Welch; Camisha
Day 1	4:30–5:00 pm	Tribal Session	Tribal-Only Breakout (Floor 5)	—
Day 2 - August 26, 2026				
Day 2	7:45–8:45 am	Doors Open for Registered Guest: Upon Attendee Arrival — Real ID and Security Check-In		Snacks & Refreshments
Day 2	9:00–9:15 am	Opening Remarks	Brownfields	Althea Foster
Day 2	9:15–9:45 am	States	Developing Your Pipeline	Rebecca Otte
Day 2	9:45–10:15 am	EPA	Quality Assurance Update	Kara Allen
Day 2	10:15–10:45 am	States	(TAG) Technical Assistance Grants	Aron Samwel
Day 2	10:45–10:50 am	Break	Break (5 min)	—
Day 2	10:50–11:50 am	Procurement (OBLR)	Procurement (and Subawards) Using Brownfields Grant Funding	Kelsey Binder
Day 2	11:50 am–1:00 pm	Lunch	Lunch	—
Day 2	1:00–1:30 pm	States	Managing BF Grants: Tips, Tricks, and Tools	Madeline Dillner
Day 2	1:30–1:50 pm	States	Railroad Commission of Texas: Brownfields Petro Sites	Andrea Piñon, Ph.D.
Day 2	1:50–2:20 pm	Success Stories	New Orleans NSA: Embarkation... Conflagration... Rehabilitation	Kari Godchaux
Day 2	2:20–2:50 pm	Success Stories	Building a Brownfields Workforce in Northern New Mexico	Janet Kerly

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Day 2	2:50–3:00 pm	Break	Break (10 min)	—
Day 2	3:00–3:30 pm	Success Stories	Brownfields to Reinvestment: Partnerships, Resources, Timelines, ACRES	Amanda Alewine
Day 2	3:30–4:00 pm	Success Stories	Muscogee Creek Nation — Where History Meets Renewal	Kathryn Sunny
Day 2	4:00–5:00 pm	After Hours/States	DEQ States-Only Session (5th floor)	—
Day 2	5:30–7:30 pm	Networking	Networking Event — Off-site venue; connect with attendees/speakers	—

Day 3 - August 27, 2026

Day 3	7:45–8:45 am	Doors Open for Registered Guest: Upon Attendee Arrival — Real ID and Security Check-In	Snacks & Refreshments
Day 3	9:00–9:10 am	Opening Remarks	Director/Deputy Director Eunice Varughese
Day 3	9:10–9:40 am	Success Stories	AI as a Force Multiplier in Brownfields Programs Synthia Molina
Day 3	9:40–10:10 am	Tribal Session	Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma: Brownfields Outlook — The KTO Experience Rebekah Bussen
Day 3	10:10–10:40 am	EPA	Superfund Redevelopment Program and Brownfields Casey Luckett
Day 3	10:40–11:40 am	Lunch	Lunch —
Day 3	11:40 am–12:40 pm	Cross-Agency Partnerships	Breakout by States Session —
Day 3	12:40–1:40 pm	EPA Brownfields Staff	One-on-One Meetings with Brownfields Team EPA Brownfields Staff