

BEYOND the checklist

AGENDA

November 3, 2025

☐	8:30 – 9:00	Registration and Exhibit Hall Opens		
☐	9:00 – 9:45	Welcome and Keynote Myra Reece, SCDES Agency Director		
☐	9:45 – 10:15	SCDES’s New Office of Compliance Assistance Keith Frost, Director of the Office of Compliance Assistance		
☐	10:15 – 10:45	NETWORKING BREAK		
☐		BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
		COLUMBIA BALLROOM A/B Upper Level	LEXINGTON MEETING ROOM A Lower Level	LEXINGTON MEETING ROOM B Lower Level
	10:45 – 11:30	Navigating ePermitting & Online Resources: Empowering Environmental Compliance Through SCDES’s Online Tools <i>Presenters: Marissa Maria and Sean Briggs</i> Description: This session will explore how SCDES is enhancing access to permitting tools, training materials, and program-specific resources through its website and ePermitting platform. Whether you’re a permittee, consultant, or local government representative, you’ll gain insights into how to find the information you need, understand system capabilities, and make the most of available support resources.	Implementing a Recycling Program: Smart Business Recycling Program, Recycle Right SC, and the Smart Business Recycling Program Manager <i>Presenter: Grace Anne Martin</i> Description: Want to recycle or reduce waste at your business but don’t know where to start? SCDES’s Smart Business Recycling Program provides free, confidential technical guidance to South Carolina companies about ways to implement recycling and waste reduction efforts. Learn how to set up a site visit, find a recycling vendor, track and submit your recycling amounts, educate your employees, and use SCDES resources.	Water & Coast 101 <i>Presenter: Chuck Hightower and Benjamin Thepaut</i> Description: Learn about SCDES’s role with reviewing projects that impact freshwater wetlands, an authority given to the agency under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and the Coastal Zone Management Act. Presenters will discuss the various steps of the review process, the necessary information to streamline the review process, and mitigation requirements.
	11:30 – 12:45	NETWORKING & LUNCH BREAK		
	12:45 – 1:30	Stormwater Compliance and Environmental Stewardship for Industrial Facilities <i>Presenter: Brandon Kersbergen</i> Description: This session provides practical guidance for industrial facility operators and environmental managers on meeting stormwater and environmental regulatory requirements. Attendees will gain insight into current compliance expectations, best practices for effective stormwater management, and strategies to maintain inspection readiness. The presentation also will highlight resources from SCDES designed to help facilities stay proactive in compliance efforts and advance environmental stewardship.	The Sooner the Better: Coordinating with Economic Development Allies on New and Prospective Industry <i>Presenters: Ryan Ariail and Chaquetta Greene</i> Description: SCDES’s Permit Central and Community Engagement play vital roles in helping new and prospective industries learn about permitting timelines, multi-agency coordination and meaningful community involvement. Hear recommended best practices of how to connect with SCDES early in the economic development and permitting process.	Bureau of Air Quality: What’s New in Asbestos and MACT <i>Presenters: Jennifer Boryk and Zachary Carfley</i> Description: This session will cover asbestos building material basics, including what is regulated, asbestos permitting and licensing timelines, and common compliance issues and resolutions. Additionally, an Air Toxics presentation will focus on common compliance and reporting questions.
☐	1:45 – 2:15	Optimizing Permit Issuance: Strategies for Quality and Increased Efficiency <i>Presenter: Jill Stewart</i> Description: South Carolina is growing rapidly, and SCDES is receiving a significant increase in permits to issue. Our goal is to issue permits within 90 days, and we are working to implement best practices to assist programs with achieving improved timelines. This session will include input from stakeholders about their experiences with contributing to reduced permitting timeframes.	Bureau of Air Quality: Permit Application Completeness <i>Presenter: Madeline Florek</i> Description: This session will focus on the information needed when submitting a permit application. Additional topics will include how to locate necessary forms and how to submit them in ePermitting, as well as how to become an Authorized User.	Compliance Essentials: Infectious Waste & X-Ray Safety in Practice <i>Presenters: Kim Clyburn and Abigail James</i> Description: The Infectious Waste Management & X-Ray programs will discuss best practices and regulatory guidance. Program staff will focus on internal and external trainings that help ensure consistent compliance standards.
☐	2:30 – 3:15	One Mission, Many Eyes: Collaborative Hazardous Waste Compliance <i>Presenters: Tim Stanley and Chris Cusack</i> Description: Hazardous waste program staff will provide practical insights into achieving compliance and preparing for inspections. Both Central Office and Regional staff will highlight key focus areas and share what inspectors typically look for during inspections.	SCDES’s PFAS Assessment Efforts <i>Presenters: Henry Porter and Ray Holberger</i> Description: During this session, staff will present a summary of the agency’s PFAS assessment efforts from 2018 to 2025 in the context of the evolving federal and state regulatory environment.	Crisis to Clarity: Navigating Environmental Emergencies <i>Presenters: Brian Gootee, Stephen Whisonant, and Ashley Auerbach</i> Description: This session is designed to highlight the roles and responsibilities of SCDES during environmental emergencies. Participants will better understand what SCDES brings to the table in support of our industry partners as they navigate an emergency response event.
☐	3:15 – 3:30	BREAK		
☐	3:30 – 4:30	Closing Remarks Myra Reece, SCDES Agency Director		