

AAPCO Lab Committee Meeting

AAPCO 79th Annual Meeting

March 1-4, 2026

Hilton Alexandria Old Town, Alexandria VA

AGENDA

Day 1 - Sunday, March 1

- 2-5 pm** **AAPCO Board of Directors Meeting** – All Pesticide State Lead Agency staff are encouraged to attend. Washington/Jefferson room 2nd floor.
- 5:30-7:30 pm** **Welcome Reception and Poster Session** – Come join us for a reception and a poster session where participants will share innovations, challenges and opportunities related to pesticides. Grand Ballroom Foyer and Potomac Room.

General Session:

Day 2 - Monday, March 2

- 8:15 am** **Welcome and Roll Call** – Kelly Friend, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Amy Sullivan, AAPCO Executive Secretary
- 8:45 am** **AAPCO's Year in Review** – Kelly Friend, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- 9:15 am** **US EPA, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention** – Kyle Kunkler, Deputy Assistant Administrator (invited) Break
- 9:45 am** **Break**
- 10:00 am** **US EPA, Office of Pesticide Programs** – Edward Messina, Director
- 10:30 am** **US EPA, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance** – Invited
- 11:00 am** **USDA, Office of Pest Management Policy** – Julie Van Alstine, Acting Director (invited)
- 11:30 am** **Health Canada, Pesticide Compliance Program Update** – David Quesnel, Health Canada Pesticide Compliance Program
- 12:00 pm** **Lunch on your own.**

Day 2 - Monday, March 2

Laboratory Committee Break-Out Session: Potomac Room

- 1:00 pm** **Welcome, Roll Call, and Icebreaker** – Ashley Pierce, AAPCO Laboratory Committee Chair, Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services

- 1:15 pm** **Year in Review, AAPCO Annual Report, SFIREG Liaison Report** - Ashley Pierce, AAPCO Laboratory Committee Chair, Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services, Jona Verreth, AAPCO Laboratory Committee SFIREG Liaison, Montana Analytical Laboratory Bureau
- 1:30 pm** **Wisconsin Check Sample Report**- Matthew J. Gramse, Chemistry Section Manager – Bureau of Laboratory Services/ Division of Management Services, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
- 1:50 pm** **Indiana Formulation Check Sample Report** – Ping Wan, Chair, AAPCO Check Sample Program, Supervisor, Pesticide Laboratories Office of Indiana State Chemist
- 2:15 pm** **2025 State Lab Updates: Samples, Scope, and Program Changes**
- Each lab should prepare to give their labs update on the following:
 - samples tested in 2025
 - testing scope
 - QAPP changes or updates
 - How to plan to use the travel ---
 - special projects
 - issues or roadblocks
 - home runs or hoorays
 - changes in pesticide program (add/lose people?) etc*)
- 2:45 pm** **Break**
- 3:00 pm** **2025 State Lab Updates: Samples, Scope, and Program Changes – Cont.**
- 3:15 pm** **Open Discussion (with Icebreaker)** (Topic Ideas: Process Improvements that worked, Mistakes that taught something valuable)
- 4:00 pm** **Adjourn**
- 6:00 pm** **Meet in Lobby if you want to join together for dinner. Location TBD.**

Day 3 - Tuesday, March 3

Laboratory Committee Break-Out Session: Potomac Room

- 8:30 am** **APHL Fellowships and Their Impacts** – Sin Urban, Ph.D. Division Chief, Division of Environmental Sciences, Laboratories Administration, Maryland Department of Health
- 9:20 am** **QuEChERS is dead. Long live the QCh*All mega-method** – Steven J. Lehotay, Research Chemist, USDA
- 10:15 am** **Break**
- 10:30** **Open Discussion** (Topic Ideas: AI- is anyone using this in their laboratory?, New Funding Sources?, How have federal shutdowns affected your lab?)

- 11:00 am** **EPA Analytical Chemistry Branch's Mission, Highlights, and Practices** – Terry Councill, Branch Chief, EPA
- 12:00 pm** **Lunch on your own**
- 1:00 pm** **EPA's New Active Ingredients and OPP reorganization** – Liz Vizard, OPP Deputy Office Director for Programs EPA
- 1:50 pm** **What We Faced, What We Learned: South Hill Emergency Response and AAR Takeaways** – Ashley Pierce, Environmental Lead Scientist, DCLS, with slides from the **Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) and Emergency Preparedness Group** by Liam Fisher, Risk Management Program Coordinator, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, EPA, Region 3
- 2:20 pm** **Training Fund Update** – Kelly Engle, EPA
- 2:40 pm** **Chair and liaison approval for 2025-26 term / Open Discussion** (Topic Ideas: New laboratory wide initiatives, Ideas to foster a quality and data integrity culture)
- 3:00 pm** **AAPCO Business Meeting in Main Room**
- 5:00 pm** **Adjourn**
- 6:00 pm** **President's Reception, Grand Ballroom Foyer**