



2017 NHA MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING AGENDA

August 29 – 30, 2017

Embassy Suites Des Moines- Des Moines, IA

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

- 1:00 - 5:30 PM **Tour of Red Rock Dam**
Meet in the Embassy Suites lobby at 12:45 PM - transportation provided
- 6:00 – 7:30 PM **NHA Welcome and Networking Reception**
Embassy Suites Des Moines

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

- 7:30 – 8:30 AM **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 8:45 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Herbie Johnson, Southern Company
Tom Heller, Missouri River Energy Services
- 8:45 – 9:15 AM **Keynote Speakers**
Senator Chuck Grassley (*pretaped*)
Tom Heller, Missouri River Energy Services
- 9:15 – 10:00 AM **NHA Washington Update**
Jeff Leahey, National Hydropower Association
- 10:00 – 10:30 AM **AM Break**
- 10:30 – 12:00 PM **Dam Safety**
Moderator: Jim Gibson, HDR

This session will review current dam safety topics and projects, including ongoing dam safety initiatives and industry trends, details regarding dam anchoring activities associated with Ameren's Osage Project in Missouri; and best practices associated with the Army Corps of Engineer's Section 408 permitting process.

Panelists:

Kevin Griebenow, FERC Chicago Regional Office Branch Chief
Warren Witt, Ameren
Steve Jacoby, Grand River Dam Authority
Roger Less, HDR

12:00 – 1:00 PM **Networking Lunch**

1:00 – 2:15 PM **Hydro Innovation**
Moderator: Jay Anders, Black & Veatch

This panel will highlight recent and ongoing R&D initiatives across both industry and the Federal government that can help lower the cost of new development, improve plant life and generation at existing facilities, and reduce the cost of environmental compliance. Audience feedback and input into future research priorities will be encouraged!

Panelists:

Timothy Welch, Water Power Technologies Office, US Department of Energy
Bree Mendlin, Hydro Research Foundation
Megan Nesbitt, EPRI

2:15 -2:30 PM **PM Break**

2:30 –4:00 PM **Midwest Hydro Projects – What’s Happening?**
Moderator: Todd Briggeman, Black & Veatch

Status update of projects in relicensing, new technology and innovation in the hydropower space for Midwest projects and opportunities and challenges for hydro owner and developers.

Panelist:

Shana Wiseman, FERC
John Clements, Van Ness Feldman
Dan Parker, Eagle Creek Renewable Energy
Paul W. Roos, AMJET Turbine Systems, LLC
Alan Fox, American Governors

4:00 – 4:45 PM **Hot Topics in the Midwest**
Moderator: Jeff Leahey, NHA

Presenters will discuss issues of interest for the Midwest hydro owners and developers.

Presenters:

Anthony Heddlesten, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Tom Andrews, MWH, now part of Stantec

4:45 – 5:00 PM **Meeting Wrap-up**

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