

NCASI Eastern Regional Meeting

June 4-6, 2018

Grand Hyatt Atlanta in Buckhead
3300 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA

Second Call

Plans are now being completed for the 2018 Eastern Regional Meeting scheduled for June 4-6, 2018 at the Grand Hyatt Atlanta in Buckhead, Atlanta, Georgia. The program is being organized by Vipin Varma and NCASI Member Coordinators with guidance from the Southern and Northern Regional Committees.

Why Attend NCASI Regional Meetings?

NCASI Regional Meetings are a “must-attend” for mill, forest landowner, and corporate environmental professionals, regardless of job experience. These meetings are the primary forums connecting NCASI technical studies to real-time issues impacting facilities and working forests. The workshops and technical sessions (a) link NCASI studies to ongoing regulatory, permitting and compliance requirements, (b) discuss environmental topics that impact forest management, mill processes, control devices and wastewater treatment operations and (c) provide information that will improve air emission, effluent and forest management programs. Meeting attendees can leverage these learnings toward solving operational issues. Regional Meetings also serve to highlight the breadth and depth of NCASI expertise and resources available to Member Companies. Participation by member companies, sustaining members, regulatory agencies and university personnel helps advance a common/collective understanding of key technical and regulatory issues.



2018 is NCASI's 75-year Anniversary!

We are proud to announce that NCASI turns 75 in 2018. The 2018 Regional Meetings will celebrate this significant milestone and the combined accomplishments of industry environmental leaders and NCASI staff over the past 75 years. **It is NCASI's goal to have every Member operating facility represented at one of the Regional Meetings and celebrations. Please help us achieve this goal!**



The Program

Three workshops are planned for the morning of June 4. On Air topics, a two-hour workshop on **Air Pollution Control Device Fundamentals, Operations, and Regulatory Requirements** is being developed. Concurrently, a Water workshop on **Important Considerations when Renewing NPDES Permits** is being planned. This 2-hour workshop will provide a review of technical aspects associated with renewal of NPDES permits. Topics will include pre-application effluent testing, calculation of effluent limits based on mill production and “reasonable potential” analysis, certification, effluent monitoring frequencies, and others. A 60-75 min combined workshop on **How to Best Leverage NCASI Technical Resources** is also planned. This session will serve as a primer for new-to-role environmental staff at the mill-level and a refresher course for experienced staff.



The **General Session** on the afternoon of Monday, June 4 will feature a keynote speech by Mr. Christian Fischer, President and CEO, Georgia-Pacific. The session will also include summary perspectives of NCASI's contributions over 75 years and cover topics of general interest such as industry performance and benchmarking.



The **Water Quality Technical Session** on June 5 will summarize key regulatory activities at the federal and state level including water quality criteria developments, matters related to fecal indicator bacteria and whole effluent bioassay testing, ASB operations, and current topics in nutrient management.

The **Wood Products Technical Session** on June 5 will focus on the PCWP MACT II and RTR process and discuss NCASI activities related to this rulemaking, case studies on overcoming permitting challenges, and emissions measurement and estimation issues of interest to the wood products sector.

The **Forestry Technical Session** on June 5 will focus on conservation of at-risk species in working forests and related research in the Eastern US.

The **Sustainable Manufacturing and Climate Session** on June 5 will include presentations on an array of trending sustainability concepts such as the “circular economy” and opportunities for beneficial use, the valuation of “natural capital,” and big data in sustainability. Presentations will focus on the relevance of these trends for the forest products sector, particularly in the context of customer expectations on sustainable manufacturing.

The two **Air Quality Technical Sessions** on June 5 and 6 will address both ongoing and upcoming regulatory developments, EPA activities on NSR reform, characteristics of performance data reported through EPA’s electronic reporting tool (ERT), novel approaches to characterize PM_{2.5} emissions and recent NCASI work on PM_{2.5} measurement methods. A panel discussion with state regulators, focusing on regional permitting activities, will be featured during one of the sessions.

Those with Professional Engineering or other certifications should note that NCASI is an approved Continuing Professional Competency sponsor and can offer professional development credits to those attending this event. Requests for certification of attendance should be made through Carol Williams at cwilliams@ncasi.org or by calling 919-941-6400.

Expanded Sustaining Member Exhibits

This year, we are replacing the traditional tabletop exhibit with a more conventional conference exhibit that extends throughout the duration of the meeting. This feature provides attendees extended opportunities to interact with NCASI Sustaining Members on relevant technical issues.

Celebration Dinner

We are planning a special dinner event for the evening of June 4 at the Georgia Aquarium to celebrate the 75-year anniversary of NCASI. Transportation to and from the event will be provided. Dinner is included with registration to the meeting. Spouses are invited to attend the celebration for a nominal fee.

Meeting registration is exclusively online at
<https://www.regonline.com/2018ncasierm>

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Grand Hyatt Atlanta, 3300 Peachtree Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30305. For reservations, click here and enter the dates of your stay. The cutoff date is **Monday, May 14, 2018**. The sleeping room rate is \$179.00 for a single or double with complimentary high-speed wireless internet in guest rooms. Valet parking is \$39.00/day with in and out privileges. Self-parking is available at the discounted rate of \$20.00/day adjacent to the hotel. If flying to Atlanta, you can board the

Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) train within the airport. Train fare is \$2.50. Train service runs from 4:45 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. on weekdays and 6:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. on weekends. Trains depart every 10 minutes weekdays and every 15 minutes on weekends. From the airport, Grand Hyatt Atlanta guests should board the Northbound train (N to North Springs). Exit at the Buckhead Station N7 onto Peachtree Road S. The hotel is two blocks away. Guests also may call the hotel at 404-237-1234 to request a courtesy pick up.

Should you have any questions regarding the meeting arrangements, please contact Tracy Stubbs (352-331-1745, ext. 0 or tstubbs@ncasi.org) at the Southern Regional Center.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dirk Krouskop".

Dirk Krouskop
President