
US EPA'S QUALITY PROGRAM VIRTUAL TRAINING EVENT: 2022

Tuesday February 8th, 12:30-4:15

Wednesday February 9th, 12:30-5:15

Thursday February 10th, 12:30- 4:15

All times listed are in Eastern Standard Time. Event details can be found at <https://rossstrategic.net/EPA2022QATraining/>.

Day 1: February 8th

Time	Session Title and Speakers
12:30-12:50 20 min	Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">Vaughn Noga, <i>Chief Information Officer and Deputy Assistant Administrator for Environmental Information, Office of Mission Support, EPA</i>EPA Senior Leadership (invited)Rob Willis, <i>Principal, Ross Strategic</i>
12:50-1:20 30 min	Strategic Direction of the Quality Program at EPA <ul style="list-style-type: none">Katherine Chalfant, <i>Director, Enterprise Quality Management Division (EQMD), EPA</i>
1:20-2:20 60 min	Collaboration with State and Tribal Partners for the QMP and QAPP Standards. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Linda Himmelbauer, <i>Lead Author for Quality Directives, EQMD, EPA</i>Darrel Williams, <i>Ninilchik Tribe</i>Kelly Poole, <i>Senior Project Manager, Environmental Council of the States</i>
2:20-2:40 20 min	Office of Mission Support, Freedom of Information Act Quality Assurance <ul style="list-style-type: none">Justin Bossard, <i>FOIA Coordinator, Office of Mission Support, EPA</i>Michael Perrin, <i>FOIA Coordinator, Office of Mission Support, EPA</i>
2:40-3:00 20 min	OIG's Audit of the EPA Quality System <ul style="list-style-type: none">Erin Barnes Weaver, <i>Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Evaluation, EPA Office of Inspector General</i>
3:00-3:05 5 min	Intro to Next Session and Day Two Preview <ul style="list-style-type: none">Katherine Chalfant, <i>Director, EQMD, EPA</i>
3:05-3:15 10 min	Break
3:15-4:15 60 min	Quality Programs Assessments Reboot (Participation in this session is limited to EPA staff only.) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Connie Thoma, <i>Quality Program Assessment Lead, EQMD, EPA</i>

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Day 2: February 9th

Time	Session Title and Speakers
12:30-12:40 10 min	Welcome and Get Settled <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rob Willis, <i>Ross Strategic</i>
12:40-1:10 30 min	Scientific Integrity: Including the recent OSTP report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Francesca Grifo, <i>EPA Scientific Integrity Official</i>
1:10-2:00 50 min	QA Grant Lifecycle: Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Julie Milazzo, <i>Program Analyst, EPA Office of Grants and Debarment</i>• Audrey L. Johnson, <i>Manager, Quality Assurance Branch, Region 9, EPA</i>• Roberto Gutierrez, <i>Project Officer, Air and Radiation Division, Region 9, EPA</i>• Emma Ruppel, <i>Air Quality & Meteorology Specialist, Bishop Paiute Tribe</i>
2:00-2:10 10 min	Break
2:10-2:40 30 min	Defensible Data for Small Agencies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Melinda Ronca-Battista, <i>Health Physicist, Tribal Air Monitoring Support Center, Northern Arizona University</i>
2:40-3:05 25 min	Promoting QA in Academic Research Environments <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rebecca Davies, PhD, <i>Emeritus Associate Professor, University of Minnesota, College of Veterinary Medicine</i>
3:05-3:15 10 min	Wrap up & Get to Next Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rob Willis, <i>Ross Strategic</i>

The following sessions are concurrent individual training sessions and separate registration is required to attend.

3:15-4:15 60 min	Training: Using R in the QA Process <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Dumelle, <i>Mathematical Statistician, Office of Research and Development, EPA</i>
3:15-5:15 120 min	Training: How to be a Project Management Practitioner <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Katherine Chalfant, <i>Director, EQMD, EPA</i>• Niki Bryant, <i>PMP, Communications Lead, EQMD, EPA</i>

Day 3: February 10th

Time	Session Title and Speakers
12:30-12:40 10 min	Welcome and Get Settled <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sarah Sarfaty Epstein, <i>Ross Strategic</i>
12:40-1:05 25 min	Understanding The Omicron Variant of SARS-CoV-2: A Microbiologist's Perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Jafrul Hasan, <i>Quality Assurance Manager/Senior Advisor, OPPT, EPA</i>
1:05-1:30 25 min	EPA's Office of Pesticide Program (OPP) Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. Kristen Willis, <i>Antimicrobials Division, OPP, EPA</i>
1:30-1:45 15 min	Q&A with Dr. Willis & Dr. Hasan
1:45-2:00 15 min	Thank you & Closing Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none">Katherine Chalfant, <i>Director, EQMD, EPA</i>
2:00-2:15 15 min	Break and Get to Next Session
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Plenary & Training Sessions Registration Links:

Step 1: Main 2022 Plenary Sessions (Feb 8 12:30-4:15pm; Feb 9 12:30-3:15pm; Feb 10 12:30-2:00pm):
<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscOqspjwpH9nX9QPBjVuwXISbivAPATI>

Registering for the main plenary sessions will give you access to three days of plenary content- it does not give you access to the afternoons of individual training (Project Management and R Training, links below). You only need to register once to attend all three days of plenary. Please note, if you use the calendar function in the automated zoom registration email it may appear that the plenary session overlaps with the trainings on February 9th and February 10th – they do not conflict – the timing of the plenary sessions are as outlined above and the timing of the training sessions are as noted below.

Step 2: Individual Training Opportunities: each of these trainings will run twice, on the afternoons of Feb 9th and 10th. To have maximum participation, we ask that you do not attend the same training twice.

Training: Using R in the QA Process: *This training is not capped.*

Feb 9 3:15-4:15pm: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscO2spzMsHKUzE-4CuVuJXIUD1Z0FYGI>

Feb 10 2:15-3:15pm: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscO2tpzkiH1mDPesKr9Bw99fwmiP89qE>

FULL Training: Project Management: *Each of these sessions is capped at 20 participants.*

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If you have any questions regarding registration or event logistics, please contact ssarafatyepstein@rossstrategic.com.