

OPEX24

EHS OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE CONFERENCE AGENDA



VIRTUAL EVENT

MARCH 20 – 21, 2024



Program Schedule - Enhance Your Company's EHS Performance

Are you looking for new ideas to ensure that your company has strong EHS management systems in place? This virtual conference offers leading practices to reduce risk, embed compliance into business culture and reach new levels of EHS operational excellence.

NAEM's OPEX24 Supports your Entire EHS Team with:

- Strategies to maintain EHS excellence in a lean business environment
- 2024 regulatory and enforcement updates
- Best practices to maximize the value of Audits
- Leveraging technology to enhance EHS management

Equip Your Team for Excellence

Empower your team with the skills and strategies to deliver best-in-class EHS performance.

From Health & Safety essentials and compliance assurance to driving continuous improvement, OPEX24 is designed to build the knowledge and capacity of all EHS professionals. With our virtual format and special group rates, OPEX24 is a cost-effective way to equip your team for operational excellence.

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Opening Remarks and Keynote: Leadership Insights for Elevating and Advancing EHS within Your Business

Virtual

Gain insights from one of the most successful EHS executives in our field on leading and showcasing the value of EHS within your business. Hear Todd Brady's leadership reflections and lessons learned as he elevated and advanced EHS and sustainability at INTEL over the past 25+ years. He'll share his thoughts on the opportunities and challenges EHS leaders must understand as they lead their own teams and functions. You'll leave with an understanding of the most important skills and attributes needed for today's EHS and sustainability leaders now and into the future.

- **Todd Brady**, Vice President, Global Public Affairs and Chief Sustainability Officer; Intel Corp.
- **Moderator: Virginia Hoekenga**, Deputy Director; NAEM

1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Break

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

How Addressing Worker Health Can Drive a Stronger Safety Culture

Virtual

In light of how mental health, wellness, and workplace stress are impacting work performance, employers are now reforming their approach to health and safety within their EHS corporate programs.

Attend this session to learn how companies are thinking about health and wellness differently and how this broader view of worker health can drive a stronger safety culture.

- **Ana Reyes**, *Global Head of Corporate HSE; Northland Power Inc.*
- **Cristian Rodriguez**, *Vice President, Safety, Sustainability & People; Wajax Corp.*
- **Moderator: Candace DiCresce**, *Thought Leader, Holistic Safety & Well-Being*

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Get the Most Out of Your EHS Audits

Virtual

Compliance audits are the cornerstone to any effective EHS&S program and leveraging collaboration and partnership are invaluable when progressing an organization's ESG program. This session will equip EHS professionals with tips on collaborating and partnering with others to optimize their audits and tips to getting the optimal performance from each audit.

- **Michael Finnamore**, *Vice President Environmental, Health, Safety & Security; Pactiv Evergreen Inc.*
- **Abby Rubright**, *EHS Management System & Internal Audit Lead; Primient*
- **Moderator: Wade Miller**, *EHS Audit Lead; Takeda Pharmaceuticals*

3:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Day 1 Closing Remarks

Virtual

- **Rebecca Dotson**, *Educational Program Manager; NAEM*

12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Opening Remarks and Keynote: Lessons Learned and Practical Advice for Managing PFAS

Virtual

With nearly a dozen states implementing new PFAS laws and regulations in 2023, and more slated to go into effect this year and next, plus several significant actions already taken by EPA this year, PFAS regulations and the potential liability risks they pose to businesses are a top-of-mind concern for EHS&S professionals. Join this session to hear a case study on how to successfully navigate the complex issues arising from increased scrutiny on PFAS that may lead to sampling for PFAS at facilities and, if found in the environment, potential remediation of PFAS impacts.

Gain insights from a business owner and a PFAS expert about what to look for and practical advice on how to address PFAS if they are identified in your business or on your property. The speakers will draw from several years' experience conducting multi-media investigations to characterize PFAS and from remediating PFAS impacts. Attendees will learn the key steps for addressing PFAS at their sites and also hear about the latest developments in PFAS regulations and actions that states are taking to investigate if PFAS are present in the environment, and the potential implications of these developments.

- **Dr. Jaana Pietari**, *Senior Managing Consultant; Ramboll*
- **Robert A. DeAngelis**, *Principal; Precision Coating Company LLC*
- **Moderator: Rebecca Dotson**, *Educational Program Manager; NAEM*

1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Break

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Building Effective Teams When Resources Are Limited

Virtual

With the competitive global market and related economic pressures continuing, EHS leaders must find new ways to achieve their EHS goals with smaller, dispersed corporate EHS teams and increasingly limited resources.

In this panel, you will hear from EHS leaders that have addressed these challenges through less conventional approaches. They'll share how they've built non-traditional "EHS teams" and implemented EHS networks. They will address how these approaches have materially contributed to other business outcomes such as leadership development, employee engagement and a diverse and inclusive workforce.

- **Erin Donovan**, *Senior Manager, Health, Safety, Sustainability & Environment; ATCO*
- **Mary Ann Polad**, *Director, EHS, Security & Sustainability; Boston Beer Company Inc.*
- **Moderator: Katie Fox**, *BNA Sustainability Program Manager; Bunzl Distribution North America*

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Strategies to Increase Near Miss Reporting

Virtual

Strong near miss reporting systems can improve an organization's ability to identify gaps in its safety system. Corporations can learn from these near misses and take action to reduce the chance of injuries in the future. Learn strategies from peers with successful programs to increase near miss reports and learn more from the data they bestow.

- **Sarthak Rout**, *EHS Business Intelligence Senior Manager; The Estée Lauder Companies*
- **Allison Montgomery**, *Vice President of EHS; Applied Materials*
- **Moderator: Kristy Yucis**, *Director, Health & Safety; Comcast Corp.*

3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks

- **Rebecca Dotson**, *Educational Program Manager; NAEM*

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