

*8th Annual*

# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

# 2025

July 24-25

*Northeastern University Charlotte Campus*



*Proudly presented by the North Carolina  
Environmental Health State-of-Practice  
(NCEHSOP)*



# CONFERENCE *at a glance*

## Thursday, July 24, 2024

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 9:00 AM Opening Remarks & Welcome  
*Andy Blethen, NCEHSOP Vice-Chair*
- 9:15 AM **Where do Env. Health Specialists fit in with Farm to Fork?**  
*Sierra R. Guynn, VA/MD College of Veterinary Medicine*
- 10:00 AM Break—Meet with Vendors in Lobby
- 10:30 AM **Hurricane Helene, A County Perspective**  
*Jessica Silver, Buncombe County*
- 11:30 AM **LHD Panel Discussion: “Research Engagement”**  
*Dr. Kelsey Pieper, Various Counties*
- 12:30 PM Lunch/Meet with Vendors (provided by NCEHSOP)
- 1:45 PM Session I (Concurrent Workshops)
- 2:45 PM Break/Meet with Vendors in Lobby
- 3:00 PM Session II (Concurrent Workshops)
- 4:00 PM Session III (Concurrent Workshops)
- 5:00 PM Adjourn
- 5:00 PM-9:00 PM **Networking Social Downstairs at the Sycamore Brewery**  
*Join us for fellowship, food, drinks, music, and networking!*

## Friday, July 25, 2024

- 8:00 AM Session IV (Concurrent Workshops)
- 9:00 AM Session V (Concurrent Workshops)
- 10:00 AM Break/Meet with Vendors in Lobby
- 10:15 AM **N.C. Collaboratory**  
*Jeff Warren, Executive Director*
- 11:15 PM **Public Health Government Affairs**  
*Doug Farquhar, NEHA*



# CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

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## DAY 1

### Session I: Thursday, July 24, 1:45 PM

- Classroom 807/808*     **Sanitation and Test Strips**  
Melissa Vaccaro, NEHA
- Classroom 920*     **Septic System Permitting Options**  
*Sarah Menser*
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### Session II: Thursday, July 24, 3:00 PM

- Classroom 807/808*     **Cold Plunge Pools: A Regulatory Perspective**  
*Sarah Cheshire, Utah Dept. of Health & Human Services*
- Classroom 920*     **How and Why Legislation is Created**  
*Doug Lassiter, NC Septic Tank Association*
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### Session III: Thursday, July 24, 4:00 PM

- Classroom 807/808*     **Complaints? A journey down the rabbit hole or a surveillance tool for outbreaks?**  
*Melissa Ham, Hoke Co. Env. Health*
- Classroom 920*     **System Repairs: Using Technology to Overcome Soil & Site Conditions**  
*Sloan Griffin, Infiltrator Technologies*
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## DAY 2

### Session IV: Friday, July 25, 8:00 AM

- Classroom 807/808*     **Hurricane Helene, City of Asheville's Response, Recovery, and Mitigation**  
*Asheville Water, David Melton & Clay Chandler*
- Classroom 920*     **Soil Evaluations & the Things we Miss!**  
*Scott Greene, NCDHHS*
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### Session V: Friday, July 25, 9:00 AM

- Classroom 807/808*     TBD  
*Terri Ritter, NCDHHS*
- Classroom 920*     **Northeastern University Presentations**  
*Kelsey, Ed, & students*

# CONFERENCE INFORMATION

## Registration:

Please visit [ncehsop.org](http://ncehsop.org) to register. Conference fee is \$175.

## CE Hours:

10 CE hours will be applied for to the North Carolina State Board of Environmental Health Specialist Examiners. *\*Please note: YOU MUST ATTEND AT LEAST 80% OF THE CONFERENCE TO RECEIVE ANY CE HOURS.*

## Hotel Information:

A group room block is reserved at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites until 6/26/2025.

Your guests may start making their reservations online using this web link:

[Select your room](#)

Additional hotel accommodations can be made at nearby hotels that can be accessed via the train line (Blue Line) and are included in the email attachment.

