

9th Annual

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM 2026

July 30-31
New Bern Convention Center
203 S. Front St., New Bern, NC 28560



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Environmental Health State-of-Practice
(NCEHSOP)*



CONFERENCE *at a glance*

Thursday, July 30, 2026

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 9:00 AM Opening Remarks & Welcome
Andy Blethen, NCEHSOP Vice-Chair
- 9:15 AM **Challenges, Concerns, and Common Issues in EH**
John Schaeffer, Special Deputy Attorney General
- 10:00 AM Break—Meet with Vendors in Lobby
- 10:30 AM **Environmental Health Disaster Response/LHD Perspective**
Danny Thornton/Joshua Cumbee, Brunswick County
- 11:30 AM **AI in the Workplace**
NCDIT/AI Leadership Council
- 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
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9:00 PM **Networking Social**
Join us for fellowship, food, drinks, music, and networking!

Friday, July 31, 2026

- 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 **Food Additives and Novel Ingredients**
Adam Kalahar, Minneapolis Env. Health
- 11:15 PM **Panel Discussion: “Customer Service”**
LHD/State Staff



CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

DAY 1

Session I: Thursday, July 30, 1:45 PM

Classroom 807/808 **Mobile Food Units**
Emily Bailey, Cambell University

Classroom 920 **PFAS/TBD**
Sushama Pradhan

Session II: Thursday, July 30, 3:00 PM

Classroom 807/808 **TBD**
F&L/ Pools Topic

Classroom 920 **Addressing RV Parks**
MacConnell and Associates

Session III: Thursday, July 30, 4:00 PM

Classroom 807/808 **Multi-Agency Food Bourne Illness Emergency Response**
Jeffrey Massengill & Jordan Horne, Pitt County EH

Classroom 920 **Low-Flow Fixtures, Flow Reductions, & Wastewater Strength (or other topic)**
Trish Angoli, NCDHHS

DAY 2

Session IV: Friday, July 31, 8:00 AM

Classroom 807/808 **Allergens**
Michell Hill, Consumer Advocate

Classroom 920 **Mapping Septic Systems with GPS/GIS**
Jacob Snyder, Cabarrus County

Session V: Friday, July 31, 9:00 AM

Classroom 807/808 **TBD**
Terri Ritter, NCDHHS

Classroom 920 **Northeastern University Presentations**
Kelsey, Ed, or students

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Registration:

Please visit 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 Doubletree by Hilton New Bern until 6/29/2026.

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

[NC DHS Conference](#)

A group room block is also reserved at the Courtyard by Marriott New Bern until 06/30/2026/

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