



President's Message



Dear Fellow Members of the EPA Alumni Association,

Happy New Year. I hope your Holidays were all you wished for and that the New Year is off to a good start. My guess is that there will be no shortage of challenges for us as an organization this year and that our work will be more important than ever.

With Martin Luther King Day coming up later this month, you may want to consider volunteering in your community to address its environmental needs or broader concerns that affect the people who live in your area. You are in the best position to know what those needs and concerns are.

At this time of year, many of our EPA colleagues decide to move on to other opportunities or to retirement. We hope that many will join us at the EPA Alumni Association and become active in our programs. Due to recent events, we need to focus on efforts to support EPA employees, including those who may soon have reason to leave the Agency. One way to do this is to enhance the usefulness and awareness of the Alumni Association's Job Center. I ask members to reach out to organizations which may be hiring to urge them to utilize the Job Center if they don't already do so. I also urge you to inform EPA employees and those who have recently left the Agency to make sure they are aware of the **Job Center**. Any inquiries about the Job Center may be directed to Chuck Elkins at elkinsenv@aol.com.

Staying active in our communities is the hallmark of our organization and many of our members. Through our weekly newsletter, the Academy (our Speaker Series), networking, educational programs, mentoring, and in other ways, we



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educate, inform, and inspire people to stay involved and engaged. Remember, "We're not Done Yet," not by a long shot.

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The EPA Alumni Association is here to serve you and enrich your lives. All our best to you, your families, and friends as we move forward together to meet the challenges of the coming year.

**New Members
from August 31
thru January 5
(Click on name
to view profile)**

David Ullrich President



EPA Alumni Association Job Center

As Dave Ullrich said in his letter, one of the things that we can do to support current EPA employees is to let friends, former colleagues and organizations know about the Association's Job Center.

For our newer Members, here is some background on the Job Center. We recently refreshed our 5-year old Job Center website which was specifically designed to help EPA employees and alumni stay in the environmental field when they decide to change jobs. This time around, we opened this site up to **anyone** seeking an environmental job -- not just to EPA employees and alumni.

Job seekers can find advertised jobs plus links to almost 1000 job bank websites run by organizations that hire environmental professionals. These are organized by types of organizations - states, NGOs, law firms, universities, consulting firms, etc. to make it easier for job seekers to focus their job hunting.

It's an environmental career center all in one place.

Ways you can help:

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- If you know of an organization that hires environmental professionals that is not listed under “Resources” on our Job Center, please reach out to us at EPAalumni@aol.com, and we can add the organization to the Job Center.
- Help us publicize this newly updated site among both job seekers and organizations who are seeking employees with environmental credentials.

You'll find the Job Center located at
<https://jobs.EPAalumni.org>

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EPA Alumni Association ACADEMY

The EPA Alumni Association Academy

The EPA Alumni Association's Speaker Series (called The Academy) is planning its 2025 programs, and the Academy Committee Deans (Carl Edlund and Lydia Wegman) welcome your ideas for topics and speakers. In January, join us for a session on Plastics. And in February, a panel will share insights from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Registration links are below.

If you have ideas for the Committee or would like to join it, please reach out to the Association at epaalumni@aol.com

We record our sessions so if you can't join a session, please check www.epaalumni.com/videos to watch the recording.

Upcoming Academy Sessions

Sign Up Now and Mark Your Calendar

People Over Plastic!

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

4:00 PM Eastern

[REGISTER](#)

Judith Enck served as Regional Administrator for Region 2 of the U.S. EPA during the Obama administration. One evening she was sitting at her desk in the region's New York City office, when she read an article about the massive amount of plastic trash entering the ocean. She realized that the ocean has become a giant watery, unpermitted landfill for plastic waste. That was the moment she decided to spend the rest of her life working to reduce plastic production and plastic pollution.

Plastics are designed to be durable and can last for centuries. And when they do finally degrade, they often become microplastics – tiny particles now found literally everywhere on earth, from the bottom of the ocean to the top of Mt. Everest. These particles enter the food chain and are now in our lungs and in our blood, where they may cause untold damage.

Enck founded the feisty non-profit *Beyond Plastics*, which is based at Bennington College in Vermont, where she is a professor. Join this program to learn more about the vast and growing global problems with plastic and what you can do about it.



Judith Enck is an environmental policy expert who has spent her entire career working to protect public health and the environment. She served as Senior Environmental Associate with the New York Public Interest Research Group, and Executive Director of Environmental Advocates of New York. She subsequently served as Policy Advisor to the NY State Attorney General and as Deputy Secretary for the Environment in the New York Governor's Office. She served as Regional Administrator of U.S. EPA Region 2 during the Obama administration. She is the founder and President of *Beyond Plastics*, and she is on the faculty of Bennington College in Vermont. She is a past President of Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, former Executive Director of the Non-Profit Resource Center, and a designer of her town's rural recycling program.

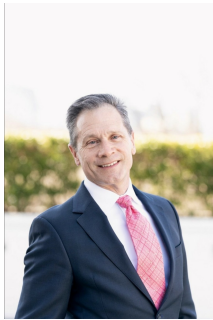
Restoring the Great Lakes: Perspectives on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

Thursday, February 13, 2025

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Come join us for a discussion of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)! Launched in 2010, the initiative has funded over 800 projects for over \$4 billion, accelerating efforts to protect and restore the largest system of fresh surface water in the world – the Great Lakes. The projects target the biggest threats to the Great Lakes with all levels of government (federal, state and tribal) and non-federal partners, working together to strategically address the challenges of the ecosystem and associated human health issues. They will discuss how these efforts are governed, how the partners work together, the scope of the GLRI, and the results of these efforts.

We are excited that Don Jodrey, Director, Federal Relations, Alliance for the Great Lakes; Joy Mulinex, Executive Director of the Ohio Lake Erie Commission; and Todd Nettesheim, Deputy Director, Great Lakes National Program Office, US EPA Region 5 will be joining the Association for this discussion.



Don Jodrey, Director, Federal Relations, Alliance for the Great Lakes



Joy Mulinex, Executive Director of the Ohio Lake Erie Commission



Todd Nettesheim, Deputy Director, Great Lakes National Program Office, Region 5 US EPA

Some Alumni Get Togethers Since our Fall Newsletter

*Please see the Photo Album on the front page of our website
www.epaalumni.com to see more Alumni photos.*

Region 5 Alumni Celebrated the Winter Solstice December 20, 2024

Please reach out to Steve Goranson (goranson.stephen@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining future Region 5 Get Togethers.



Region 6 December Holiday Luncheon

Region 6 Alumni Members, with current Region 6 staff, enjoyed their 2024 Holiday Luncheon!

Please reach out to Betty Williamson (betzwilliam@yahoo.com) and Cindy Singletary (wilbun@sbcglobal.net) for more information about Region 6 Get Togethers.



Region 7

Region 7 Alumni gathered at The National Golf Club of Kansas City on December 19, 2024. This was the last get together organized by Bob Steiert, who had been the lunch honcho and info hub for 17 years!

Congratulations to Bob and thank you!

For information about future Get Togethers in Region 7, please reach out to David Williams at shavus@comcast.net

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In Memoriam

Since the Fall 2024 Newsletter, the Association has been informed that the following former EPA employees having passed away. If you learn that a former colleague has died, you may share that information on the Association Facebook Page or let us know at newsletter@epaalumni.org and we can post it on the Association website. You are also welcome to post it yourself.

We invite you to reflect on your memories of the colleagues listed below by commenting on the obituaries we have received. Click [Here](#).

Scott Campbell
Robert Greaves
Susan Lewis

Kathleen Mulder
John Ryan
Glenn Schweitzer

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