

Illinois Environmental Health Association 2025 Annual Education Conference



November 5-6, 2025
Starved Rock Lodge
1 Lodge Lane
Oglesby, IL 61348

Registration Opens at 7am

The Starved Rock Lodge Restaurant will be open at 7am!

IEHA's Annual Education Conference is an excellent opportunity to stay current with the latest trends in Environmental Health, earn CEUs, and network with peers and professionals from state and local departments and industry.



Illinois Environmental Health Association Mission Statement

The Illinois Environmental Health Association will work to advance the Environmental Health Profession and promote sound environmental health practices throughout Illinois.

Continuing Education

Attendance at this conference fulfills the continuing education requirements for the following purposes:

Sanitarian training required by IDPH in the Standards for Local Health Departments

Typically meets the CEU requirements for the NEHA REHS

Continuing Education required for State of Illinois Licensed Environmental Health Practitioner (LEHP)

Conference Agenda

Day 1 – Wednesday, November 5, 2025

STARVED ROCK ROOM

7:00 – 8:45 am	Registration; The Starved Rock Restaurants opens at 7!	
8:00 am	Silent Auction Opens (Proceeds to benefit the student scholarship fund)	
8:45 – 9:00 am	Welcome and Announcements <i>IEHA President</i>	
9:00 – 10:00 am	Keynote Speaker: Strategic Choices: Building a Purpose-Driven Career in Environmental Health -Michele Samarya-Timm, NEHA	1.0 CEU Gen EH
10:00 – 11:00 am	I Survived IEHA Jennifer Pierquet, AFDO	1.0 CEU Food
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Looking Through a Fire Inspectors Eyes at a Fixed or Mobile Food and Drink Establishment -Brad Pierson, City of Peoria Fire Department	1.0 CEU Food
12:00 – 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own	
12:00 pm	ACTIVITY: Guided Hike (meet in the great hall)	
12:00 pm	NEHA MEMBER GROUP PHOTO (meet at the fireplace)	
1:30 - 3 pm	Food Fraud in the Kitchen; Common Food Fraud and How To Identify During Inspection Justin Dwyer, Peoria County/City Health Department	1.5 CEU Food
3–3:30 pm	FDA Allowable Limits Ryan McConnell, Peoria County/City Health Department	0.5 Food
3:30 – 4:45 pm	Mocktails, Potions, and Elixirs: Unapproved Additives in a Changing Landscape -Adam Kalahar, Minneapolis Health Department	1.0 CEU Food
5:00-5:30 pm	Presentation of IEHA Awards	
5:30-7:30 pm	Reception (Main Hall); silent auction will be drawn	
7:00-10:00 pm	Networking Event: Bonfire	

LASALLE ROOM

10:00 – 11:00 am	Environmental Gut Microbiology Associated with Athletes of Surface Water Recreation Brandon M. Reynolds, University of Illinois at Chicago	1.0 CEU Onsite
11:00 – 12:00pm	Soil Development Bill Teater, ISCA	1.0 CEU Onsite
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Septic Failure: Wading Through all the Crap to Achieve Compliance Will Hayes, Knox County Health Department	1.0 CEU Onsite
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Private Sewage Disposal Program Updates Chad Moorman, IDPH	1.0 CEU Onsite
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Enabling Onsite Water Reuse Through NSF/ANSI 350 Derek DeLand, NSF & Justin Dwyer, PCCHD	1.0 CEU Onsite

UTICA ROOM

10:00 – 12:00 pm	Survey Says: Food Code Feud Anna Yates, IDPH	2.0 CEU Food
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Building an Effective Training Program for EH Corine Peplinski & Sarah Pozzi, PCCHD	1.0 CEU General EH
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Inside the National Environmental Public Health Internship Program: Building Workforce Capacity Through Student Internships Adrienne Gothard, NEHA	1.0 CEU General EH
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Cannabis Regulation in Illinois: An Overlap with Public Health Nick Maggioncalda, IDOA, Division of Cannabis Regulation, Bureau of Cannabis Testing	1.0 CEU General EH

LODGE INDOOR POOL COMPLEX

10:00 – 12:00 pm	Onsite Pool Training Dori Bugajski, IDPH	2.0 CEU General EH
2:00 – 4:00 pm	Onsite Pool Training Dori Bugajski, IDPH	2.0 CEU General EH

PERU ROOM (VIRTUAL SESSIONS)

10:00 - 11:00 am	Cold Chain Management Technology Eric Moore & Terrence Christgau, Testo	1.0 CEU FOOD
11:00 - 12:00 pm	Who's Afraid of Little Old Me? Tiny Biters & Their Expanding Empire- Samantha Kerr, IDPH	1.0 CEU General EH
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Thermoplastic Tank Installation Best Practices Ashley Donnelly, Infiltrator	1.0 CEU Onsite
2:30 – 3:30 pm	The Story of Glaciers End: Farm-to-Shelf Specialty Foods Derek and Libby Ervin, Glaciers End	1.0 CEU FOOD
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Combined Treatment and Dispersal – Sand Based Technology Ashley Donnelly, Infiltrator	1.0 CEU Onsite

Day 2 – Thursday, November 6, 2025**STARVED ROCK ROOM**

7:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration; The Starved Rock Restaurant opens at 7!	
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Outbreak Response & Coordination: Foodborne & Legionella Case Study-Gerrin Cheek Butler, Illinois Department of Public Health	1.0 CEU Food
10:00 – 11:00 am	Intentional Contamination of Ground Beef, The Rapper Did It David Pettigrew, DuPage County Health Department	1.0 CEU Food
11:00– 12:00 pm	Regulating for Safety: Cannabidiol Dose in Food Colleen Nyland, Kane County Health Department	1.0 CEU Food
12:00 – 1:30 pm	Lunch on your own	
12:00 pm	ACTIVITY: Guided Hike (meet in the great hall)	
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Data on the Menu: How the LHPG Provides the Recipe for Success Ben Fletcher, IDPH	1.0 CEU Food
2:30 – 4:30 pm	Reviewing Recipes for Risk: Cottage Food Product Assessment Darrah Dunlap, IDPH	2.0 CEU Food

LASALLE ROOM

9:00 – 10:00 am	A Tale of Two Risk Assessments Lenore Killam, U of I Springfield	1.0 CEU Water
10:00 – 11:00 am	How to Use the New Coliform Flow Chart Jennifer Krick, IDPH	1.0 CEU Water
11:00 - 12:00 pm	130 Years of Water Science and Public Health Protection at the Illinois State Water Survey Steve Wilson, IL State Water Survey	1.0 CEU Water
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Getting the Dirt on Groundwater Allen Wehrmann, P.E., INTERA Incorporated	1.0 CEU Water
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Irrigation Wells and Other Deep Wells Tracy McConnell, Grosch Irrigation	1.0 CEU Water
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Upgrading or Abandoning Wells Mark Layten, Kickapoo Well Drilling	1.0 CEU Water

UTICA ROOM

9:00 – 10:00 pm	Full Service On-line Public Portal - Complaints, Inspections, Payments, Applications and more.... -Jonathan Winter, CDP	1.0 CEU General EH
10:00 - 11:00 am	Environmental Health Profession in Both Civilian Capacity and in the US Military -Mohammed Zillur Rahman, IL EPA	1.0 CEU General EH
11:00 - 12:00 pm	BN-CARE (Bloomington Normal Community Air Quality Research and Education) -Dr. Liangcheng Yang, Illinois State University	1.0 CEU General EH
1:30 - 2:30 pm	Advocacy in Action: Advancing Environmental Health Policy Conny Mueller Moody, IPHA	1.0 CEU General EH
2:30 – 3:30 pm	How HSGT Can Improve and Enhance Efficiency in Daily Workflows Summer Stephen, HS GovTech	1.0 CEU General EH
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Pipes of Pressure: Lead Exposure and Hypertension in Illinois Abisola Olowofeso, University of Illinois Springfield	1.0 CEU General EH

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10:00 - 11:00 am	How Food Protection Manager Certifications Can Reduce the Risk of Foodborne Illness Amy Calhoun & Tina Kosdorf, Safe Food Handlers	1.0 CEU FOOD
11:00 - 12:00 pm	A Guide to Water Safety Conversations Laura Cochran, DuPage County Health Department	1.0 CEU General EH
1:30 - 2:30 pm	AI and Emerging Technology Usage in Environmental Health Cameron Garrison, HS GovTech	1.0 CEU General EH
2:30 – 3:30 pm	Pillars of Governmental Environmental Public Health Document NEHA	1.0 CEU General EH
3:30 – 4:30 pm	The Basics of Biofilms Erik Kurdelak, Madison Chemical Company	1.0 CEU FOOD

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Name: _____

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Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

LEHP # _____ ☐ Do Not Have LEHP

Registration Fee

IEHA Member Rate		Non-Member Rate*	
Full Conference	\$175 ☐	Full Conference	\$230 ☐
November 5 Only	\$125 ☐	November 5 Only	\$180 ☐
November 6 Only	\$125 ☐	November 6 Only	\$180 ☐
Student		\$0 ☐	

*Non-member rate includes a 1-year IEHA Active Membership.
Contact the IEHA Office to verify membership. Add \$10 for Walk-in Registration.

Make Checks Payable to "IEHA" **Amount enclosed:** \$ _____ ☐ Receipt Is Needed

Please complete this form and mail it along with the check registration fee to the following address:

**Illinois Environmental Health Association
P.O. Box 164
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