

**West Virginia Association of Sanitarians &
West Virginia Public Health Emergency Management Association
Mid-Year Conference
April 22-24, 2026 - Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, WV**

AGENDA

Wednesday, April 22

Track #1: Environmental Health Track

Hosted by the West Virginia Association of Sanitarians

- 1:00 **Welcome** - WVAS President Bob Custard
- 1:10 **NEHA Update** – CDR James Speckhart, USPHS, NEHA Region 8 VP
- 1:25 **Environmental Health Updates** – OEHS Staff – Jason Frame & (Stacy King)
- 2:10 **WVAS General Business Meeting** – Bob Custard, WVAS President
- 2:40 Break
- 3:10 **Panel on Body Art** – Rocco Cunningham, Matt XX, & Jennifer Costolo-Michael
- 4:30 Adjourn for Happy Hour

Thursday April 23, 2025

Plenary Session

- 8:00 Keynote Interview – ***Conquering Public Health Challenges*** – Vince Radke (confirmed)
- 9:00 Break (close room divider & reset rooms)

Environmental Health Track

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- 9:15 ***Beef Jerky Prepared Safely*** - Melissa Vaccaro, NEHA (confirmed)
- 10:15 Break in Exhibit Area
- 10:45 ***Sanitization for Food Safety – Using Sanitizer Test Strips*** – Melissa Vaccaro, NEHA (confirmed)

12:30 Lunch (Buffett Lunch Provided) and Time to Visit Exhibitors

1:30 **Pest Control in Retail Food Establishments** – Vicki Decker, Guest Services (confirmed)

2:30 Sanitarian Olympics

3:15 Break in Exhibit Area

3:30 **WV Retail Program Standards Collaborative – Progress & Opportunities** – Moderator – Bob Custard, Panel – Rodney Melton, Lydia Takemoto, Jessica Shreve, Crystal Lough

3:45 **Constructing Septic Systems & Private Wells in Karst Areas** - Bob Denton, Terracon (confirmed)

4:45 Crown EH Olympic Champions

5:00 Adjourn for Happy Hour

Friday, April 24

Joint Environmental Health/Threat Preparedness Track

8:00 Emergency Response Exercise – Pesticide Contamination of a Stream and Water Supplies

9:45 Break

10:15 Emergency Response Exercise (continued)

11:30 Exercise Wrap-Up

11:45 Closing Words by WVPHEMA & WVAS Presidents

12:00 Adjourn