



2017 NHA SOUTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING AGENDA

November 1 – 2, 2017
Georgia Power Facility – Atlanta, GA

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

- 11:30 - 4:30 PM **Tour of Wallace Dam**
Meet in the Atlanta Hilton lobby at 11:15 PM - transportation provided
- 6:00 – 7:30 PM **NHA Welcome and Networking Reception**
Atlanta Hilton

Thursday, November 2, 2017

- 7:30 – 8:30 AM **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 – 8:45 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks** - Jim Crew, Southern Company
- 8:45 – 9:00 AM **NHA Washington Update** - LeRoy Coleman, National Hydropower Association
- 9:00 – 9:30 AM **AM Break**
- 9:30 – 10:45 PM **Dam Safety**
Moderator: Richard Mickwee, Southern Company
Panelists:
Paul Cyr, Kleinschmidt
David Bowling, TVA
Ed Luttrell, HDR
Wayne King, FERC
- 10:45 – 12:00 PM **Hydropower Innovation**
This panel will highlight recent and ongoing R&D initiatives across both industry and the Federal government that can help lower the cost of new development, improve plant life and generation at existing facilities, and reduce the cost of environmental compliance. Audience feedback and input into future research priorities will be encouraged!
Moderator: Tim Welch, DOE
Panelists:
Chris Hayes, CEATI
Brennen Smith, Oak Ridge
Jim Crew, Southern Company
Megan Nesbitt, EPRI
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM **Networking Lunch**

1:00 – 2:15 PM **Integration of Renewables in the Southeast**

Moderator: Jay Anders, Black & Veatch

The renewables portfolio in the southeast is expanding rapidly. There is currently a large installed hydropower base with both solar and wind expanding across the region. The panel will discuss the impacts on current and thoughts on future hydro plant operations as even greater amounts of renewables are integrated across the region. The panel will also discuss the impacts new renewable energy has on the grid.

Panelists:

Greg Lewis, Duke

Lisa Martindale, Southern Company

Greg Stark, NREL

Caroline Golin, Regulatory Director for Vote Solar

2:15 -2:30 PM **PM Break**

2:30 –3:45 PM **Hot Topics in the Southeast**

Moderator: Hallie Meushaw, Troutman Sanders

Presenters:

Sharon White, VanNess Feldman – Endangered Species

Kenneth Odom, Southern Company – Dissolved Oxygen

Sarah Kulpa, HDR - Freshwater Mussel Monitoring and Management

Cody Fleece, Stantec - Freshwater Mussel Monitoring and Management

Corey Chamberlain, Dominion - Pumped Storage Development

3:45 – 4:00 PM **Value of OpEx Update**

The OpEx program is a voluntary system which receives, distributes, archives and catalogs hydropower events. Other hydropower facility owners can learn about the cause of these events, incorporate the corrective actions and lessons learned into their operations to prevent a reoccurrence. Utility representatives will describe the benefits their organization has received from participation in the program.

Moderator: Jim Miller

Presenters:

David Bowling, TVA

Arnold Lindsay, Southern Company

4:00 – 5:00 PM **Brand Awareness: Positioning Hydropower’s Message in the Southeast**

What is hydropower’s brand? Is our message resonating in the southeast? How does the perception of hydro stack up against the other renewables? This panel session will discuss the strategies and tactics for elevating hydropower’s profile, in addition to cultivating new advocates and supporters.

Moderator: LeRoy Coleman, NHA

Panelists:

Mike Bradley, TVA

Tim Brown, GE

5:00 – 5:15 PM Meeting Wrap Up and Adjourn

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