

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION NEWS FOR AFFILIATES

Submitted by: NEHA's Affiliate Engagement Committee

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

I am excited to begin working with NEHA Affiliates on ways that we can strengthen our relationship, engage our members, and enable Environmental Health professionals. Although I am new to NEHA, I have been working within the association field for over eight years in areas related to membership, volunteer management, and affiliate relations. I will be using this section of your newsletter to solicit feedback and keep you up-to-date on NEHA's continued efforts to speak with a unified voice on behalf of Environmental Health professionals everywhere.

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NETWORK AND LEARN

The [NEHA AEC](#) is the nexus for environmental health training, education, networking, and advancement. It is the event

environmental health professionals attend to acquire practical and real-world information and expertise. [Schedule highlights](#) for affiliates include:

Sunday: Affiliate Leadership Workshop (for Affiliate officers serving in leadership roles post-conference).

Monday: Invited Keynote, Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senator (MI), Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

Wednesday: Brews, Blues & BBQ! This networking event will be held on the Gillett Bridge, overlooking the river next to the Amway Grand Plaza hotel.

Thursday: **Closing Session on Sustainability**, sponsored by NEHA's Business & Industry Affiliate.

Join your peers in [Grand Rapids](#) to be motivated, inspired, and empowered in your career. Members save up to \$175 on [Registration](#).

Don't forget to nominate your colleagues to be recognized with an [Affiliate Certificate of Merit](#) at the AEC. The deadline to apply is June 9, 2017.

YOUR VOICE IN D.C.

NEHA has been working diligently to be a champion for environmental health professionals on vital policy and legislative issues. Dr. David Dyjack, NEHA's Executive Director, and Joanne Zurcher, NEHA's Director of Government Affairs provided testimony to the U.S. House of Representatives Environment Subcommittee, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology on the importance of EPA regulations and its guidance to local practice on January 31st. Dr. Dyjack's [op-ed article for US News and World Report](#) provides support for the EPA regulations that guide much of our environmental health work.

On February 13th, a group of NEHA leaders spoke on behalf of every member and affiliate at NEHA's first [Capitol Hill Lobby Day](#) in Washington, D.C. NEHA met with legislators about building capacity for the environmental health profession and discussed the important work our organizations do for communities.

ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

Be part of an organization that fosters cooperation and understanding among environmental health professionals, and be proficient in the current and emerging environmental health issues. [Join today](#) and get a [NEHA Credential](#).

