

37TH ANNUAL TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL SUPERCONFERENCE

“How Sweet It Is” (Welcome to Candy Land)



Thursday – Friday August 7 – 8, 2025
Four Seasons Hotel Austin, Texas

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Environmental & Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas

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Water Environment Association of Texas

American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources

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THURSDAY AUGUST 7, 2025

7:30 am to 8:15 am **CHECK IN/ BREAKFAST**

Home Sweet Home

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8:15 am to 8:45 am **OPENING REMARKS**

Sweet Tidings

[Jeff Civins](#), *Chair, Texas Environmental Superconference*

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MODERATOR: [Anne Idsal Austin](#), *Attorney & Founder, Austin Legal and Public Affairs, PLLC*

8:45 am – 9:05 am **EPA HEADQUARTERS UPDATE**
Starburst

[David Fotouhi](#), *Deputy Administrator, EPA*

9:05 am – 9:30 am **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**
Sour Patch Kids

[Shea Pearson](#), *Environmental Lobbyist, HillCo Partners*

9:30 am – 9:55 am **CASE LAW UPDATE**
Nerds

[Kami McFarland](#), *Senior Associate, Clifford Chance*

9:55 am – 10:25 am **NEPA**
Bazooka

[Justin Schwab](#), *General Counsel, CEQ*

10:25 am – 10:40 am **BREAK**
Sweet Nothings
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10:40 am – 11:20 am **VCP & TRRP UPDATE**
Life Savers

[Kenneth Tramm](#), PhD, PE, PG, CHMM, *General Manager, Modern Geosciences*

[Steve Morton](#), *Attorney, The Morton Law Firm, PLLC*

11:20 am – 12:00 am **TCEQ/EPA**
Dubble Bubble

[Brooke Paup](#), *Chairwoman, TCEQ*

[Scott Mason IV](#), *Regional Administrator, EPA Region 6*

12:00 pm to 1:10 pm **LUNCH**
Toot Sweet

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MODERATOR: [Carolyn Ahrens](#), *Solo Practitioner and Of Counsel, Booth & Associates, P.C.*

1:10 pm to 2:30 pm **AIR QUALITY**
Air Heads

1:10 pm [Aaron L. Szabo](#), *Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, EPA*

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1:30 pm [Hannah Roskey](#), *Senior Associate*, Baker Botts L.L.P
[Brittany Pemberton](#), *Partner*, Bracewell LLP
[Jim Blackburn](#), *Professor in the Practice of Environmental Law*, Rice University
[Amy Browning](#), *Senior Attorney*, Environmental Law Division, TCEQ

2:30 pm to 3:15 pm **GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**
Jolly Ranchers
[Carlos Rubinstein](#), *Principal*, RSAH2O, LLC
[Natasha Martin](#), *Shareholder*, Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody
[Casey Cooper](#), *Associate*, Terrill & Waldrop

3:15 pm to 3:30 pm **BREAK**
A Sweet Tooth
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3:30 pm to 4:15 pm **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
Gummy Bears
[Marisa Perales](#), *Partner*, Perales, Allmon & Ice, P.C.
[Hon. Shelly M. Doggett](#), *Administrative Law Judge*, State Office of Administrative Hearings
[Jon Niemann](#), *Partner* — *Environmental & Natural Resources*, Vinson & Elkins LLP

4:15 pm to 5:15 pm **UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL**
Pop Rocks
[James McGuire](#), *Partner*, Holland & Knight LLP
[David Grounds](#), *VP Regulatory*, Pilot Water Solutions
[Barry Smitherman](#), *Chairman, President, and Co-founder*, Texas Geothermal Energy Alliance

5:15 pm to 5:20 pm **CLOSING REMARKS**
Sweet Dreams

5:20 pm to 6:00 pm **RECEPTION**
Sweet Talk
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FRIDAY AUGUST 8, 2025

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| 7:30 am to 8:15 am | BREAKFAST <i>Sweet Spot</i> Sponsored by Ensafé, Inc. |
| 8:15 am to 8:30 am | OPENING REMARKS <i>The Sweet Smell of Success</i> MODERATOR: Cindy Bishop , President, C Bishop Law PC |
| 8:30 am to 9:15 am | ENFORCEMENT <i>Pay Day</i> Joe W. Bailey II , Owner, Hinton Bailey PC Craig J. Pritzlaff , Director – Office of Compliance and Enforcement, TCEQ |
| 9:15 am to 10:15 am | NUCLEAR POWER AND URANIUM MINING <i>Good and Plenty</i> Kym Harshaw , Executive Vice President & Chief Nuclear Officer - Retired, STP Nuclear Operating Company Colleen Grygier , Senior Attorney, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP Marty O'Neill , Associate General Counsel, Nuclear Energy Institute |
| 10:15 am to 10:30 am | BREAK <i>In Your Own Sweet Time</i> Sponsored by VLS Texas Molecular |
| 10:30 am to 11:00 am | NEW COURT <i>Smarties</i> Jane Webre , Partner, Scott Douglass & McConnico LLP |
| 11:00 am to 11:30 am | UNIVERSAL AND SOLID WASTE <i>Toxic Waste</i> Diane Goss , Senior Attorney, Environmental Law Division, TCEQ |
| 11:30 am to Noon | EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY/POST CONSUMER RECYCLED CONTENT PRORAMS <i>Now and Later</i> Victor K. Salazar , Associate, Haynes Boone LLP |
| Noon to 1:15 pm | LUNCH <i>Sweet as Honey</i> Sponsored by GSI Environmental Inc. |

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1:15 pm to 1:30 pm **TENRLS MEETING**

Short But Sweet

MODERATOR: [Jason A. Hill](#), *Partner*, Holland & Knight L.L.P.

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm **PFAS**

Everlasting Gobstoppers

[James B. Slaughter](#), *Partner*, Beveridge & Diamond PC

[Reza Zarghamee](#), *Partner*, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP

[Kirby H. Tyndall, PhD, DABT](#), *Senior Associate Toxicologist*, GSI
Environmental

[Susan T. Litherland, P.E.](#), *Principal*, SQ Environmental LLC

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm **ETHICS**

Mr. Goodbar

[Gaines West](#), *Partner*, West, Webb, Allbritton & Gentry, P.C.

[Marcella Burke](#), *Chairman*, Burke Law Group, PLLC

3:30 pm to 3:35 pm **CLOSING REMARKS**

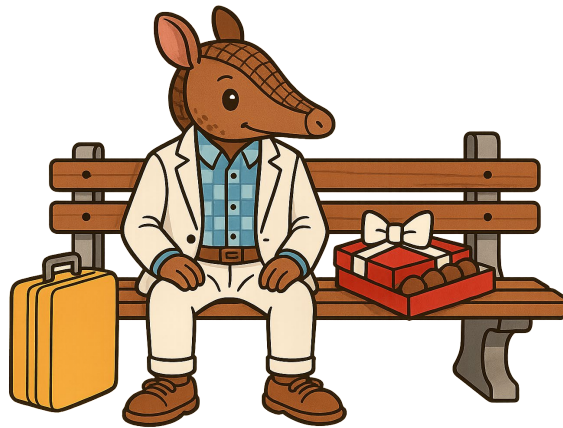
Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow

3:35 pm **SUNDAES**

A Sweet Goodbye

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“Life Is Like a Box of Chocolates”



WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6, 2025

3:45 pm to 4:25 pm **CHECK IN**
Sweet Greetings

4:25 pm to 4:30 pm **WELCOME:** [Mary Simmons Mendoza](#), *Vice Chair*, Texas Environmental Superconference

MODERATORS:

[Anne Idsal Austin](#), *Attorney & Founder*, Austin Legal & Public Affairs, PLLC

[Mary Simmons Mendoza](#), *Partner*, Haynes Boone LLP

4:30 PM to 5:30 PM **ENERGY***
Powerhouse

[David Fotouhi](#), *Deputy Administrator*, EPA

[Matthew Z. Leopold](#), *Partner*, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

[Travis Wussow](#), *Partner*, Jackson Walker LLP

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM **PERMITTING**
Crunch

[Ann D. Navaro](#), *Partner*, Bracewell LLP

[Jason A. Hill](#), *Partner*, Holland & Knight L.L.P.

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CLE: Wednesday's Program: This course has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of Texas Committee on MCLE in the amount of 2.00 hours of CLE credit, all of which can be applied to the legal ethics/professional responsibility requirement. It also has been approved by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for 2.00 hours for the following specialty fields: Administrative Law; Civil Appellate Law; Oil, Gas and Mineral Law; and Real Estate Law.

Thursday and Friday's Programs: This course has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of Texas Committee on MCLE in the amount of 12.25 hours of CLE credit, of which 1.00 hour can be applied to the ethics requirement. It is also has been approved by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for 12.25 hours for the following specialty fields: Administrative Law; Civil Trail Law; Property Owners Association Law; Oil, Gas and Mineral Law; and Real Estate Law.

HOTEL: We've arranged a limited hotel block with discounted rates at the FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, 98 San Jacinto Blvd., Austin, Texas 78701. To book a room, please contact the Four Seasons – by phone (512-478-4500) or online www.fourseasons.com.

Discounted rates for our hotel block are: City View – \$335/night and Lake View – \$410/night.

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QUESTIONS: If you have any questions, please contact: The Superconference at superconference@haynesboone.com

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