

Winter 2003 Work Group Meeting Evaluation Summary

When compiling and summarizing the review and comment information for the GLRPPR conferences we consider the following.

Total Number of Individual Attendees: 77

Total Evaluations Submitted: 28

36% of the GLRPPR conference attendees submitted a conference evaluation form compared to 36% (not a mistake) at our Winter 2002 meeting in Chicago, Illinois. At the Summer 2002 conference incentives were provided to attendees who turned in their completed evaluation which resulted in a 78% submission rate. New incentives need to be evaluated.

Attendees were asked to rate the sessions and conference details based on a 1 to 5 scale. Five being the highest, 1 being the lowest.

Wednesday March 5, 2003

9:00 - 9:45

Remarks from Bharat Mathur - U.S. EPA Region 5

Overall Rating: 3.92

Great to have interest at that level.

Remarks from Tom Ustanik - Lansing Cleaners

Overall Rating: 4.46

Especially interested in his use of alternative fuels.

Interesting, several areas covered.

Ideas on increasing industry participation are welcome.

9:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

State Program Updates

Overall Rating: 4.10

Illinois	Ohio
Indiana	Ontario
Michigan	Pennsylvania
Minnesota	Wisconsin
New York	

Regional Updates

Overall Rating: 4.02

U.S. EPA Region 5
U.S. EPA ORD
Dept. of Defense Regional P2 Workgroup
Department of Energy

National Updates

Overall Rating: 3.92

U.S. EPA OPP

Most helpful part of the conference to me.

Too much repetitive information - 95% ho hum here is what we did and not exciting here what I can do as a result of

what I heard. Too much mercury thermometers and recycling stories. Where is the real up stream process changing P2 work?

Always good to hear what others are doing.

Why did you neglect to have Tribal updates & presentations?! They are generally recognized as a state and are governments. I was very disappointed in the lack of inclusion.

GLRPPR Response: Each state designates a spokesperson to give the update. Volunteers are solicited over the listserv. We did not receive any volunteers or update to give on behalf of any of the tribes. Also note that a tribal conference environmental was being held elsewhere in the building at the same time.

Regional updates - so many activities tended to be convoluted.

Would like to have heard more.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Urban and Industrial Growth Plenary Panel. Overall Rating: 4.60
Suazane Malec - City of Chicago
Tim Lindsey - IL WMRC
Aaron Rosinski - Southeast Environmental Task Force

Very good!

Very Interesting.

Pictures of site would have been very powerful.

Very Interesting. New techniques (strategy)

Very interesting panel. Tim was a very informative, knowledgeable speaker.

A good speaker. Suzanne needs to leave the AV staff alone!

Thursday, March 6, 2003

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Work Group Sessions

Technology & Technical Assistance Partnerships Overall Rating: 3.83

Tim did a great job!

Tim was good as usual.

P2 In Schools Overall Rating: 4.29

All interesting presentations.

Excellent presentations. I would have recommended scheduling only two of the speakers to give them adequate time instead of 3 speakers. Also suggest only two concurrent sessions at a time for the first session in the morning when attendance is lower.

Pollution Prevention in Healthcare Overall Rating: 4.43

9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Work Group Sessions

P2 In Transportation and the MACT Standard

Overall Rating: 3.91

Topic good, hard to follow one speaker.

Second presentation was very good. The first presentation was not very informative - too much specific detail. Speaker seemed to speak to facilities being regulated not this group.

Thorough explanation through presentation covered many points of new standards.

Too much information on regulations, difficult to follow the regulatory jargon (codes, articles, etc.)

Both good speakers.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

Overall Rating: 3.91

Disappointed in the limited choice of breakout sessions for this interval. Both are strictly industrial in application. Too narrow of topic (not presenter's fault).

Balanced presentation for vendor.

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Workgroup Sessions

Environmental Management Systems Resources and the Move Away From End of Pipe Limits

Overall Rating: 4.50

Presentation monotone, dry. Subject important. Handout very helpful.

Ken Barnes was an excellent presenter.

Energy Efficiency

Overall Rating 4.18

P2 Framework for Prevention of PBT's - PBT Profiler Software

Overall Rating 3.13

Interesting information.

Could have been better attended. Would have been useful to hear reactions from a larger audience.

Poorly attended.

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Plenary Speaker

Overall Rating 4.38

Rodica Baranescu - International Truck and Engine Corp.

Informative, but not terribly applicable to outreach.

Slow start, but good finish.

Good speaker and interesting. Relevancy to GLRPPR membership might not be the highest.

Very informative presentation.

Very knowledgable.

Guest Rooms	Overall Rating: 4.33
Breakfasts	Overall Rating: 4.00
Lunches	Overall Rating: 4.04
Breaks	Overall Rating: 3.86
Handouts	Overall Rating: 3.71
Overall Agenda	Overall Rating: 3.98
Overall Work Group Meeting	Overall Rating: 3.97

Suggestions to improve the meeting:

Deb, Jini & Blake - Another Job well done! A nice selection of topics for breakout sessions. Plenary speakers were very good.

I liked having more plenary type presentations and fewer concurrent sessions competing with each other.

Maybe one panel discusses sector.

Put state updates on a handout - that would allow time for technical sessions.

More industry related information for day one.

I find the meetings are full of excellent, innovative programs, projects, ideas, on a wide range of subjects. The groups that can implement these ideas on a more widespread scale are environmental community groups. It would be excellent to get more of these groups attending.

Include tribal governments (states)

[GLRPPR Response: The tribal governments are specifically invited to participate in GLRPPR events. We did not receive any responses.](#)

Better organization of any handout availability (prior to start of meeting) would be helpful and less distracting. Also prior notice to attendees of web available materials would have been useful.

[GLRPPR Response: Handouts are generally not distributed, except at the registration table and the information exchange rooms. Availability of presentations is clearly communicated on the conference announcements.](#)

Need decaffeinated coffee and bottled water for refreshments.

Indicate exact location of meeting on agenda (Region 5 HQ - 3rd Floor)

[GLRPPR Response: The exact address, building name \(including reference to EPA Region 5\) and floor were indicated on the registration materials on-line and on the postcard.](#)

Detail breakout room sessions and room assignments.

Find a way to get more participation from the states - travel dollar scholarships?

Find a way to get more participation from all aspects of the media programs - enforcement, compliance, permit writers, etc.

Need to allow for break time between morning concurrent workgroup sessions.

Make sure speakers explain acronyms.

Suggestions for Summer 2002 Conference Agenda:

SPCC rule changes.

Partnerships with environmental and community groups, clubs, associations to accomplish P2.

Include tribal governments!

Results of P2 efforts with metal industry.