



## Early Career Professional Session Agenda

Crystal Gateway Marriott  
1700 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, VA

This year's National Cleanup Workshop will continue to focus on workforce development with a pre-conference workshop entirely dedicated to early-career professionals. The event will feature sessions on Monday, September 16, aimed at helping early career professionals learn more about the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Environmental Management (EM) and how to grow and succeed in the DOE cleanup program.

Hosted by the Energy Communities Alliance in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Energy and the Energy Facility Contractors Group.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

12:00pm – 12:30pm	<b>Box Lunch</b>
12:30pm – 12:45pm	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p><b>Introduction: Martin Schneider</b>, President, Longenecker &amp; Associates</p> <p><b>Kristen Ellis</b>, Acting Associate Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regulatory and Policy Affairs, DOE-EM</p>
12:45pm – 1:30pm	<p><b>A Career Conversation with EM's Cleanup Chief</b></p> <p><b>Introduction: Martin Schneider</b>, President, Longenecker &amp; Associates</p> <p><b>Candice Robertson</b>, Senior Advisor, DOE-EM</p>
1:30pm – 3:00pm	<p><b>Supplementary Career Experiences—Making the Case for:</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Kristen Ellis</b>, Acting Associate Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regulatory and Policy Affairs, DOE-EM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>... <b>Taking a Congressional Fellowship</b> <b>Colin Jones</b>, Deputy General Manager, North American Nuclear, Jacobs; former legislative fellow for Sen. Larry Craig (ID) and Sen. Mike Crapo (ID)</li> <li>... <b>Running for local public office</b> <b>JJ Chavez</b>, Council Member, City of Carlsbad, N.M.</li> <li>... <b>Doing a rotation in business development</b> <b>Joe Aylor</b>, Director of Critical Projects, UCOR; former Business Development Director, Amentum</li> <li>... <b>Serving as a Chief of Staff</b> <b>Allison Finelli</b>, Chief of Staff, DOE Office of Legacy Management</li> </ul>



	<p>... <b>Moving between headquarters and field assignments</b>  <b>Erik Olds</b>, Deputy Manager, OREM, DOE-EM</p> <p>... <b>Serving in the Reserve or National Guard</b>  <b>James Blankenhorn</b>, Senior Vice President and lead of Environment and Security, Amentum; Brig. Gen (ret) leading all Army Reserve Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear forces</p>
3:00 – 3:15 pm	<b>Networking Break</b>
3:15pm – 4:30pm	<p><b>Roundtable Discussion: Early Career Perspectives</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Jennie Stults</b>, Deputy Project Manager, Central Plateau Cleanup Company (CPCCo)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What have been your biggest challenges so far?</li> <li>• What do you wish you knew when you started?</li> <li>• What advice do you have for organizations looking to develop and retain their future leaders?</li> <li>• How important is remote work?</li> <li>• What has been the most important factor in your success?</li> <li>• What is most important to you going forward?</li> </ul> <p><b>Ellen Howe</b>, Project Engineer, Longenecker &amp; Associates  <b>Natalie Lackey</b>, Capture Manager, Fluor Corporation  <b>Mireya Martinez</b>, Project Controls Specialist, Waste Treatment Plant  <b>Camryn Mikesell</b>, Nuclear Engineer, HII  <b>Samina Mondal</b>, Program Analyst, DOE-EM  <b>Faith Sanchez</b>, Program Director, Energy Communities Alliance</p>
5:00pm	<b>NCW Opening Reception</b>

**Early-Career Registration:** We are offering a significantly reduced registration for early-career professionals to attend this year's workshop. This rate is offered to those who have not previously attended the National Cleanup Workshop and have been involved in the EM program for less than five years. Additional information on this year's NCW, including how to register and registration rates, can be found at: [www.cleanupworkshop.com](http://www.cleanupworkshop.com)

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