

2021 **Virtual** Regional, State, and Local Dispersion Modelers' Workshop



EPA MS Teams Online – June 21-23, 2021

2021 RSL DM Modelers' Workshop Logistics

- We've all be doing virtual meetings consistently for 15-16 months... but let's recap:
 - The EPA implementation of MS Teams has vastly improved over the past year, but it is not Zoom or GoToMeeting... not as many bells and whistles.
 - Speakers are requested to turn on their cameras when not sharing their screen / presentation. Everyone else can leave them off to preserve bandwidth.
 - If you have called-in using the phone line provided, do not put us on hold... just hang up and call back.
 - Please keep yourself muted unless you are presenting or asking a question during the appropriate times.
 - You are welcome to type questions into the chat box, but speakers will be generally be unable to answer them while they are presenting.
 - We will not answer all questions during the Workshop, but we will make efforts to follow-up afterwards.
 - Do not use the chat box for personal conversations with other attendees... we all have cell phones, and you can text each other.

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- Today... Monday... is “Stakeholder Day” and open to all.
 - All aspects of today’s sessions are posted on the Workshop’s SCRAM webpage.
 - <https://www.epa.gov/scram/2021-regional-state-and-local-dispersion-modelers-workshop>
- Tuesday and Wednesday are “Co-Regulators Days” and only open for federal, state, local, and tribal air agencies.
 - Connectivity information was shared directly via email with the Regional Offices and MJOs and should have been passed onward to the co-regulatory agencies.
 - If you are a co-regulator and did not get the connectivity information for these days, please contact us at Bridgers.George@epa.gov.
- Should we experience a disruption in the webinar connection, we will try to resolve the issue as quickly as possible... just bear with us and try to reconnect through the webinar link provided.
- Finally, all presentations will be posted to Workshop’s SCRAM webpage by mid-July.

2021 RSL DM Modelers' Workshop Recognitions

- EPA's Air Quality Modeling Group Staff

Chris Owen

Chris Misenis

James Thurman

Clint Tillerson

Alyssa Zimmerman

Tyler Fox

George Bridgers

Roger Brode *(Retired as of Feb 2021)*

- State/Local Modeling Representatives

Yann Ling-Barnes, Washoe County

Daniel Dix, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

- EPA Regional Office Staff and Co-Regulatory Partner Agencies

In Memoriam: Bart Brashers

- It was with great sadness that our air quality modeling community and the world lost Bart Brashers in early June.
- Bart was a premier atmospheric scientist and computer programmer/modeler with over 20-years of experience, most of which with Ramboll (*and formerly Environ*).
- He was a proud graduate of the University of Washington, where he completed his Masters and Doctoral degrees in Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology.
- We (EPA and Ramboll/Bart) had several ongoing direct and indirect projects, including development and maintenance of the MMIF prognostic meteorological processor.
- Most importantly, Bart was a tremendous colleague and friend to many of us, and he will be dearly missed!
- One fun fact... Bart was an accomplished musician and actively preserved the traditional Swedish musical instrument, the Nyckelharpa (*image is a clickable link to his music*).

