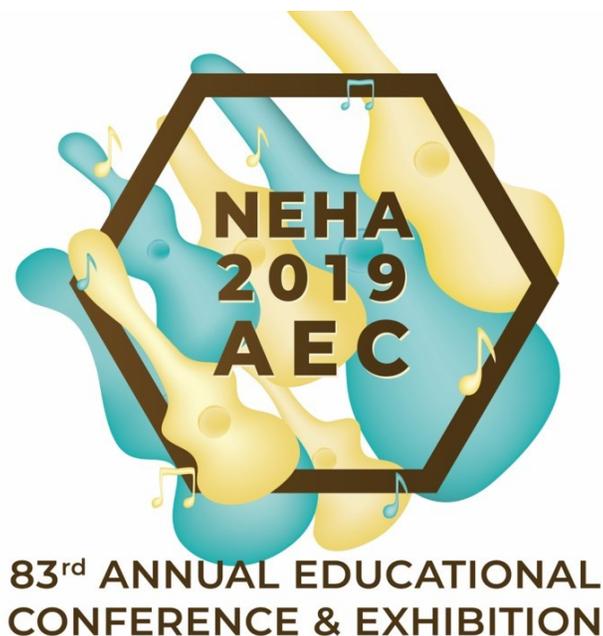


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## PLAN TO ATTEND NEHA'S 2019 AEC

[Registration is open](#) for the [National Environmental Health Association Annual Educational Conference & Exhibition](#) in Nashville, TN. The AEC will be held **July 9-July 12**, with preconference workshops beginning on Sunday July 7, at the [Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center](#).

The theme of the 2019 AEC is **Local Voices. Universal Language.** Celebrating the local voices of agencies and industries and how they fit into the universal language of environmental health. Learn how these "voices" ensure the safety of the public and environment, and how they contribute to the advancement of the environmental health profession.

In addition to gaining real world skills and expertise, you can earn up to 24 CE contact hours (enough to meet your full two-year NEHA professional credential requirement) by attending and participating in the NEHA AEC.

The 2019 **Affiliate Leadership Workshop will take place on Monday, July 8 from 1-5 PM.** The workshop will focus on providing affiliate leaders with tools to advocate for environmental health at the local level. Every NEHA affiliate is invited to register one or two people for this free preconference workshop.

Looking for more reasons to attend? Check out NEHA's new [Why Attend?](#) webpage, which includes a sample justification letter to make the case to your employer. If this will be your first time attending the AEC you may find our [2019 NEHA AEC First Timers' Guide & Orientation Tips](#) page helpful.

**Hope to see you Nashville!**

## NEHA BLOGS

Don't forget to check in regularly with NEHA's Blogs for interesting stories from environmental health professionals across the country.

NEHA's [Day in the Life of an Environmental Health Professional Blog](#) features two story series: [Member Spotlight](#) stories where you can learn about fellow NEHA members, and [topic specific stories](#) where we take a deep dive into some of the most pressing environmental health issues. New topic specific stories will be launching in January 2019!

NEHA partners with EcoAmerica to publish stories on the [Climate for Health Blog](#). Take few moments to watch the latest [video blog](#) showcasing NEHA member success stories on climate change.

Interested in more climate change resources? Check out NEHA's [Climate Change Topic Page](#), which includes our new [Clean Energy Declaration](#).



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## ATTEND THE JOINT PULSENET/ OUTBREAKNET/ ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

### 2019 MEETINGS!

The regional meetings will bring together laboratorians, epidemiologists and environmental health specialists involved with foodborne and enteric disease outbreak response.

Issues discussed will include surveillance and outbreak detection of enteric diseases. Combined and discipline-specific sessions are planned over the course of the 2½ day meeting.

### Registration is free and travel scholarships are available.

Based on your region, click [Mountain/West](#) or [Midwest/Central](#) for more details about how to register.

The Mountain/West region meeting will be held on:

**February 5-7, 2019  
in San Diego, CA**

The Midwest/Central region meeting will be held on:

**March 6-8, 2019 in  
Omaha, NE**

Travel scholarships are available through NEHA for the Central Region. Applications are due by:

**December 14, 2018**

## EH STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

NEHA is accepting [applications for the Summer FY19 National Environmental Public Health Internship Program](#) through **January 18, 2019**. Accepted students will receive a base stipend of \$4000 to \$6000 for a 10-week internship with additional relocation stipend up to \$2000! Undergraduate and graduate environmental health students from [National Environmental Health Sciences & Protection Accreditation Council \(EHAC\)](#) are eligible to apply.

The 2019 [NEHA/AAS Scholarship](#) application period is now **open**. Undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in an accredited university, with a dedicated and recognized curriculum in environmental health sciences, are invited to apply for the NEHA/AAS Scholarship. [Applications must be completed online](#) by **March 1, 2019**.

## LEGIONELLA PROGRAM SURVEY

### Available Now - Share Your Experience

In response to the significant increase in the number of reported cases of legionellosis over the past two decades, NEHA is conducting a [nationwide assessment](#) of the role of environmental health programs in *Legionella* out-break investigations and mitigation. This includes programs at both the local and state levels, focusing on program components, successes and challenges, and needed resources.

NEHA is seeking information from environmental health professionals with the goal of using responses to identify best practices in developing a model *Legionella* program. **If you are part of an organization or health department that has an existing *Legionella* program in place or has an interest in developing one, please consider participating in our [survey](#) to aid NEHA in its environmental scan.** Your responses are greatly appreciated! Visit NEHA's [Legionella webpage](#) to learn more about the survey and the role of environmental health and *Legionella*.

## FOOD SAFETY FOR COTTAGE FOODS AND HOME-BASED RESTAURANTS

NEHA's Board of Directors recently approved a **policy statement** on [Food Safety for Cottage Foods and Home-Based Restaurants](#).

Check [HERE](#) for additional NEHA policy statements in food, water, preparedness, cannabis, vector control, body art, and climate change.