

# U.S. Environmental Protection Agency CyanoSymposium 2026

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## Dates

March 16, 2026  
March 18, 2026  
March 23, 2026  
March 25, 2026

## Times

1-5 PM Eastern  
12-4 PM Central  
11 AM-3 PM Mountain  
10 AM-2 PM Pacific  
9 AM-1 PM Alaska

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## Overview

CyanoSymposium 2023 introduced freshwater cyanobacteria; CyanoSymposium 2026 will take a **deep dive into the human and animal health effects of cyanotoxins**. We will learn how these toxins affect us and our pets and what can be done to improve managing this risk. Each day will include a spotlight on a state or tribal freshwater HAB program and participant Q&A after each session. Please join us.

## Agenda and proposed speakers

### Day 1 (Monday, March 16, 2026):

Cyanotoxin Introduction – Who, What, Why and How? (Barry Rosen, Florida Gulf Coast University)  
Lesser Known Toxins – a Review (Todd Miller, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

**State/Tribal Spotlight:** Novel Thresholds to Protect Health (Oregon Health Authority)

### Day 2 (Wednesday, March 18, 2026):

Human Health Effects of Cyanotoxins (Steven Haller and Andrew Fribley, University of Toledo)  
One Health Reporting of Cyanotoxin Illness (Robyn Espinosa, Centers for Disease Control)

**State/Tribal Panel:** Improving Coordination Among Human Health and Environment Programs (Hannah Bonner, Brigham Young University; Bridget O'Brien, Vermont DOH)

### Day 3 (Monday, March 23, 2026):

Animal Health Effects of Cyanotoxins (Donna Hill, U.S. EPA)

Veterinary HAB Effects: Practice and Communication (Sherri Kasper, Florida Health Department)

**State/Tribal Panel:** Cyanotoxin Thresholds to Protect Animal Health (Ali Meils, Indiana DEM; Carly Nilson and Marisa Van Dyk, California SWRCB; Linda Novitski and Dave Farrer, Oregon Health Authority)

### Day 4 (Wednesday, March 25, 2026):

Economic Consequences of Cyanotoxin Health Risks (Frank Lupi, Michigan State University)

Tools for Protecting Human and Veterinary Health (Marie Russell, U.S. EPA)

Freshwater to Marine: Downstream Threats of Cyanotoxins (Ellen Preece, California DWR)

**State/Tribal Panel:** Messaging – Perception of HAB risks and Communicating Health Risk Effectively, Going Beyond Recreational Advisories (Amy Jacobi, CDC; Thomas Ferrugia, Alaska Harmful Bloom Network; Sarah Ryan, Big Valley Band of the Pomo)

## Accessing the Webinar

Registration is encouraged. To register for this event, please send an email to [friday.brenna@epa.gov](mailto:friday.brenna@epa.gov) with the terms "CyanoSymposium 2026 Registration" in the subject line for a confirmation email with webinar links and appointment holds (.ics). Alternatively, you can use the links below to access each day's webinar. **Please note the separate links for each day.**

**Day 1 (March 16):** [Join Day 1 CyanoSymposium Teams Town Hall](#)

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