



CHEMISTRY COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY'S PLANT OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

DECEMBER 3, 2025 | EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ

8:00 AM	Registrant Check-In & Networking	
	Continental Breakfast Available	
8:45 AM	Welcome & Introductions	Speaker
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety/Logistics Briefing Review agenda Antitrust Reminder Other Announcements 	Elvin Montero, Deputy Executive Director, CCNJ
9:00 AM	Strengthening Partnerships to Protect Critical Infrastructure	Speaker
	Director Telab will share CISA Region 2's priorities and programs supporting the chemistry industry, with a focus on partnership opportunities to enhance infrastructure protection and resilience in one of the most risk-exposed regions in the nation.	(A) Mohammed Telab, Region 2 Director, CISA
9:45 AM	Energy Markets, Policy & Procurement: What You Need to Know	Speaker
	An update on PJM energy markets and what it means for your operations. Learn how CCNJ's procurement program—led by EPEX—has saved members over \$100 million since 1999, and what to expect moving forward.	John Kaufman, Founding Principal, EPEX
10:30 AM	Service Showcase I	
	Sponsor Opportunity	
10:45 AM	Networking Break	Speaker
11:00 AM	CCNJ Advocacy & Industry Priorities Discussion	Speaker
	Join CCNJ staff for an interactive session on key legislative and regulatory developments, including the impact of the 2025 elections, the incoming administration, and expected activity during the lame duck session. Learn how current proposals could affect your operations and how you can support industry advocacy. Attendees are encouraged to share feedback and ideas to help CCNJ strengthen its services and better support plant operations across the state.	Dennis Hart, Executive Director, CCNJ
11:45 AM	Service Showcase II	Speaker
	Sponsor Opportunity	
12:00 PM	Lunch & Networking	
1:00PM	Meet EPA Region 2: Updates, Priorities, and Dialogue	Speaker
	EPA Region 2 plays a critical role in regulatory oversight for New Jersey's chemical and manufacturing facilities. This session offers plant managers and their teams the chance to hear directly from invited EPA leadership about new priorities, upcoming regulatory changes, and compliance initiatives under the new administration. Attendees will also have the opportunity to engage in dialogue, ask questions, and strengthen connections with Region 2 staff, ensuring they are better prepared to navigate evolving requirements and expectations	EPA Region 2 Staff
2:00 PM	Proactive Community Engagement: Building Trust Before It's Needed	Speaker
	Establishing strong community relationships is critical to successful operations. Don't wait for a permit application or emergency to start the conversation. This session will offer practical strategies to create and sustain meaningful partnerships, including how to launch or improve a Community Advisory Panel (CAP) or similar initiative. Featuring insights from the American Chemistry Council's Responsible Care® program and interactive exercises, this session will help you develop a proactive approach to engagement that builds trust, improves transparency, and strengthens your facility's connection to the communities in which you operate.	Marysue Knowles , Owner, Knowles Communication Strategies, LLC Kristi Moore , Consultant, Knowles Communication Strategies, LLC Kelly Montes de Oca , Sr. Director, Corporate Responsibility & Community Engagement, American Chemistry Council
3:30 PM	Adjourn	