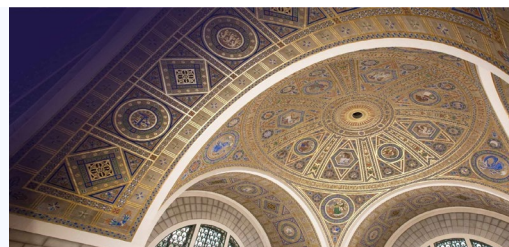


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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025 (ET)

	<i>Open session</i>
10:00	Welcome <i>Jim Ippolito, The Ohio State University</i>
10:10	Committee introductions
10:20	Overview of the National Academies study process <i>Kara Laney, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine</i>
10:30	Remarks by the Study Sponsor, U.S. Department of Agriculture–Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA–NRCS) <i>Dana Ashford-Kornburger, USDA–NRCS</i>
10:40	Conservation Programs, Planning, and Practice Standards <i>Bill Reck, USDA–NRCS</i>
11:00	Presentation on PFAS and Regional Screening Levels <i>Linda Gaines, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</i>
11:20	Committee discussion with speakers
11:45	Opportunity for public comment
12:00	End Open Session

SPEAKER BIOS

DANA ASHFORD-KORNBURGER, USDA–NRCS

Dana Ashford-Kornburger is currently serving as the acting Director of the Ecological Sciences Division at the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA–NRCS). She is an innovative leader with expertise in agricultural policy, USDA conservation programs, sustainable crop production, and resource

management. She also serves as the National Climate Coordinator, leading the NRCS Climate Office. Dana coordinates and provides oversight for all agency efforts related to climate change, including mitigation, adaptation, and resiliency. Dana has worked most of her 23-year USDA career at NRCS at the national, state, area, and field levels; however, she also served as the Director of the Farm Service Agency's Conservation Division and started her career as an agronomist with the Agricultural Research Service. She holds a B.S. in Agricultural Systems and Environment–Sustainable Production Option from the University of California, Davis, and a M.S. in Agronomy and Soils from Auburn University.

LINDA GAINES, EPA

Linda Gaines is an environmental engineer and environmental health scientist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation. She has worked on environmental site assessments, water and wastewater work, air permits, and hazardous waste permits. After receiving her Professional Engineer's license, she earned her Ph.D. focusing on environmental health. She maintains the Regional Screening Levels and is the Superfund subject matter expert for PFAS at EPA.

BILL RECK, USDA–NRCS

Bill Reck, P.E., is the National Environmental Engineer at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA–NRCS). Bill has over 30 years of experience in hydrology and hydraulic engineering, wetland restoration and treatment, and design and evaluation of conservation practices as well as extensive experience in animal waste management structural design and evaluation of existing structures. Bill started his career in Florida after having received his bachelor and master of engineering degrees in Agricultural Engineering at the University of Florida. Bill has worked on projects such as Everglades restoration, design of livestock and poultry waste management systems including innovative technologies and waste to energy projects, evaluation of new technologies for inclusion in NRCS standards, and development of software design aids. Currently, Bill has national responsibility for NRCS's 20 environmental engineering conservation practice standards, which include waste management, mortality management, agrichemical handling facilities, and on-farm secondary containment of petroleum products.