

**9/16-18/2025 Areas of Concern Cross-Agency Partnership Summit  
Poster Session Instructions**

Since September 2023, have you completed a project that warrants sharing? Do you have AOC experiences that can help others? If so, you are invited to submit an abstract for a 3' by 4' poster that, if accepted, will be displayed during the September 16-18, 2025, Areas of Concern Cross-Agency Partnership Summit in Toledo, Ohio.

To help you think about poster content, 4 theme areas and brief descriptions of each are listed:

**1. Remedial Action Plan (RAP) Implementation – projects & research that address environmental health**, focusing on these BUIs:

- a. Degradation of Fish and Wildlife Populations
- b. Fish Tumors or Other Deformities
- c. Bird or Animal Deformities or Reproduction Problems
- d. Degradation of Benthos
- e. Degradation of Phytoplankton and Zooplankton Populations
- f. Loss of Fish and Wildlife Habitat
- g. Eutrophication or Undesirable Algae

**2. RAP Implementation – projects & research that address human health/quality of life**, focusing on these BUIs:

- a. Restrictions on Fish and Wildlife Consumption
- b. Degradation of Aesthetics
- c. Beach Closings
- d. Restrictions on Dredging Activities

**3. Project Management Solutions (Strategies, Tools and Lessons Learned):**

Including but not limited to creative design solutions, inter and intra-agency collaborations, effective staging, timeline management, and project evaluation metrics.

**4. Post-Management Actions, Post-BUI Removals, and Post-Delisting activities:**

Including but not limited to tools for assessing site recovery, lessons learned from management action implementation, plans for AOCs after delisting, and examples of economic revitalization related to AOC work.

To submit your abstract, please answer all the questions in [this poster abstract submission form](#). Your poster topic should be about AOC work undertaken between September 2023 and September 2025. Your poster title needs to be ≤ 100 characters with spaces and your abstract ≤ 2,500 characters with spaces words. Both the title and the abstract should describe your work in a way that captures the attention of the reader. Abstracts are due by **Sunday, August 10**. Notification of poster acceptance with further instructions will be emailed by **Wednesday, August 13**.

If you receive notice that your poster is accepted:

Be sure to budget your time wisely when preparing your poster. You'll need adequate time to accommodate your organization's preparation and review requirements. Think about how long it will take to: develop the content, prepare the graphics (especially if you must use a graphic designer,) get organizational approval of your final draft, and get it printed. Posters must support the following pillars

of U.S. EPA's Powering the Great American Comeback Initiative: 1) "Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American", and/or 3) "Permitting Reform, Cooperative Federalism, and Cross-Agency Partnership." Posters may not contain offensive content or promotional materials for businesses.

Easels with poster boards and binder clips will be set up in the convention center by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. You may hang your poster that evening between 5:00 and 8:00 pm or before 8:00 am on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Clip them to the poster board that has a tag with your poster title and poster number displayed on it. Poster presenters are encouraged to attach their business cards to their poster so people viewing the poster while you are away can contact you later with questions.

A poster contest will be held to select the three favorite posters, as voted on by viewers. **Be sure your poster number is visible to viewers.** Winners will be announced the morning of Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. All posters must be removed between 5:30 pm on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and 11:30 am on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

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