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CEMS June Luncheon – At Geotech Field Days

So, You (Still) Want a Sustainable Career as an Environmental Professional?
Let's Talk...

Steve Brauner, PE, Environmental Engineer and Colorado Market Manager,
Environmental Works, Inc.

Thursday, June 25, 2025, 12:15pm – 1:00pm (please note the special date and time)

In Person Location: Geotech Environmental Equipment

2650 East 40th Avenue, Denver, CO 80205

Register directly with [Geotech Environmental Equipment](#)

Lunch will be provided free of charge by Geotech Environmental Equipment starting at 11:30am and during the presentation. Parking is free.

Information and schedules can be found [here](#).

2026 Annual CEMS Scholarship Golf Tournament

8am Shotgun Start



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Monday, July 27th, 2026



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CEMS FALL CONFERENCE

From Policy to Practice: Environmental Leadership in 2026

Tuesday, September 15th

CSU Spur Hydro Confluence Theater

Additional information at www.COCEMS.org, or contact:

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Announcing the Colorado Environmental Management Society 2026 Fall Conference

Call for Abstracts

Conference Schedule: Tuesday, September 15, 2026 8:30am - 5:30pm

Conference Location: CSU Spur at the National Western Complex

The CEMS Fall Conference Committee invites you to submit an abstract to present at this year's conference, themed **"From Policy to Practice: Environmental Leadership in 2026"**. Join us for a day to share ideas, innovations, and insights shaping the future of natural resources, environmental and health.

CEMS is honored to welcome **Brad Udall**, Senior Water and Climate Research Scientist at the Colorado Water Center, as our keynote speaker. A nationally recognized expert on climate change, hydrology, and water policy in the American West.

We are excited to announce that, for the first time, our Fall Conference will feature a special panel discussion on Colorado's water resources and the challenges facing our state. The panel will be moderated by **Jason Ullmann**, State Engineer, who directs the Colorado Division of Water Resources in the performance of its responsibilities.

Submit Your Abstract Today!

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ☒ Title
- ☒ Abstract Summary (<500 words)
- ☒ Presenter(s) Biography (<200 words)

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMITTAL

JULY 1, 2026

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Early Bird Registration
Through August 31, 2026

Regular Registration
September 1 - September 13, 2026

✨ Visit our website www.coems.org for further information

From the Board... The Long View, Reflections from a Grateful Past President by Glen Vallance, CGRS, Inc.

When I joined the Colorado Environmental Management Society in 2016, I was simply looking for a place to connect with peers, stay current on industry topics, and invest in my professional growth. I had no particular ambition beyond being a good member. Nearly a decade later, I find myself writing this article as Past President, and I am genuinely grateful for the relationships, opportunities, and lessons along the way.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of writing several "From the Board" articles, reflecting on CEMS' renewed focus on in-person connection, the growth of the Membership, Networking, and Outreach Committees, and the organization's expanding statewide reach. By the time I stepped into the vice-presidency in 2024, my purpose was becoming clear: to strengthen community, support professional development, and make volunteering feel like a natural and rewarding part of our professional lives.

Looking back at my year as President in 2025, I believe we delivered on that vision. The recently formed Confluence event gave members a chance to reconnect, share ideas, and build relationships across disciplines. Our spring movie night offered a creative and welcoming way to engage members. The fall conference addressed federal regulatory uncertainty, state-level leadership, and the evolving expectations placed on environmental professionals. And through it all, the board and our committee volunteers showed up with professionalism and dedication that I will always admire.

As we move through 2026, there is still plenty to look forward to. The annual CEMS Scholarship Golf Tournament is on the horizon, continuing a tradition that connects our professional work to the next generation of Colorado students pursuing environmental studies. The fall conference will once again bring together some of the brightest minds in our field to tackle the challenges and opportunities shaping environmental management across the state. I encourage all members to participate in both, as they represent the connection, learning, and service that make CEMS valuable.

I also want to acknowledge something simple but important: CEMS works because people choose to give their time. In a world full of competing demands, that choice matters. The members who join a committee, host a luncheon program, sponsor an event, or simply show up and engage are the organization. I have been fortunate to serve alongside many such people, and I am deeply appreciative of each one of them.

To the current leadership and those who will carry CEMS forward, know that you are carrying forward an organization that matters. CEMS has a strong foundation, a committed membership, and a mission that remains as relevant as ever.

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The CEMS Program Committee is currently searching for "interesting, topical and informative" presentations for our meetings in 2026. This is a great opportunity to network with your peers, share information and technology, and become more involved with the environmental community. CEMS is interested in a variety of topics relevant to environmental and natural resources professionals. Each monthly presentation is roughly 50 minutes, followed by a question-and-answer period.

If you or someone you know is interested in presenting at our monthly meetings, or our annual conference, please feel free to contact our Programs Committee: Chairperson Michael Whelan at mwhelan@anchorage.com.

Are you a lawyer, looking for CLEs?
CEMS offers a very inexpensive way to earn those needed CLEs.
Just RSVP on the luncheon meeting link and attend.

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Continue to ask what members need, listen carefully, and invest in the relationships that make this community special.

It has been an honor to serve as President. I look forward to continuing in the Past President role through the end of 2026 and to remaining an engaged, supportive member of this community long after that.

Glen Vallance

Past President Colorado Environmental Management Society

Glen Vallance is a Principal at CGRS, Inc., where he helps lead the firm's Environmental Remediation, Engineering, and Energy Services divisions and serves as Corporate Safety Director. Based at CGRS's Fort Collins headquarters, Glen has over 21 years in environmental consulting, with current focus on site assessment, petroleum remediation, and storage tank programs across Colorado and the western U.S. His broader experience includes Phase I and II ESAs, SPCC planning, soil and groundwater assessment, aquifer characterization, surface water quality studies, and regulatory compliance work with the Colorado Division of Oil and Public Safety. Glen holds a B.S. in Watershed Science from Colorado State University and is a Colorado Recognized Environmental Professional and Certified Safety Manager. He currently serves on the State of Colorado Petroleum Storage Tank Advisory Committee and the CO-REP Peer Group and is Past President of CEMS.

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