

Addressing Climate Change for Strong Cities—Sustainable, Resilient, Vibrant

Abstract: Across the Pacific Northwest, including Idaho, the observed air and stream temperatures in some rivers has increased over the past 50 years, snowpack is decreasing and we all have to adapt to a new normal where the past no longer predicts the future. EPA is working to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere from a variety of sources. We are also working with communities to help them become more resilient and develop adaptive strategies to prepare them for the changing conditions.

In this session, we will share current climate change trends as they apply to Idaho and will discuss how communities across the country are both surviving and thriving by addressing climate change and sustainability head on.

Drinking Water and Wastewater Professional CEUs are available from Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licensing for this session.

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Professional Background: Vicky Salazar is the Senior Sustainability Advisor at US EPA in Seattle. Her mission is to integrate sustainability into EPA Region 10's programs, partnerships and operations. To achieve her mission, she addresses environmental problems holistically, solving them at their root instead of cleaning them up after they have already occurred.

In her 20 years at EPA, Vicky has lead work on climate change, materials management, green products, product stewardship, recycling, change management and traditional regulatory implementation. She led several large-scale change processes including the development of EPEAT, a green standard for electronics and the Federal Green Challenge, a sustainable operations program for the entire federal government. She currently leads an effort to lay a foundation of information, resources, tools and action that allow Northwest communities to act strategically to create a sustainable, resilient future.

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