Plastics and Health Bioregional Forum

Friday, November 6th

8:30am - 4:30pm

MidTown Collaboration Center, Cleveland, Ohio

Topic	Time	Speakers / Facilitators	Highlights
Registration & Poster Setup	8:30 - 9am	All Attendees	Breakfast refreshements, coffee, tea
Opening Remarks	9 - 9:15am	Robert Brand, Cuyahoga County Board of Health; Darcy Freedman, Swetland Center at Case Western Reserve University	Forum welcome and overview
Session 1 Polymer Science & Great Lakes Plastic Pollution	9:15 - 10:15am	Gary Wnek, Case Western Reserve University; Sam Mason, Gannon University	Science of plastics and plastic pollution in the Great Lakes
Session 2 Ecosystem Health	10:15 - 11:15am	Beth Biggins-Ramer, Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District; Christy Tyler, Lake Ontario MicroPlastics Center; Robert Brand, Cuyahoga County Board of Health; Luciana Rivera Molina, Univeristy of Akron	Impacts on ecosystems and environmental monitoring
Break from 11:15 - 11:30am			
Session 3 Human Health	11:30am - 12:30pm	David Kennedy; University of Toledo Shannon Conrey, Case Western Reserve University; Tim Weber, MetroHealth System	Exposure pathways, public health implications, emerging contaminants
Lunch from 12:30 - 1:45pm Taza (Mediterranean), vegan and vegetarian options available Poster session and lightning poster presentations			
Session 4 Policy & Action	1:45 - 2:30pm	John Mills, Cuyahoga County Board of Health; Eddie Olschansky, Trash Fish	Policy trends, solutions, and community action
Panel Discussion	2:30 - 3:15pm	Yvonka Hall, Northeast Ohio Community Resilience Centre; Jennifer Bucheit, Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve; Max Pennington; CLEANR Toby Alves, Eco-Products	Cross-sector perspectives including alternative products, community health and engagement, and plastic monitoring programs
Break from 3:15 - 3:30pm			
Interactive Breakout Session	3:30 - 4:15pm	All Attendees	Collaborative discussion and report out
Concluding Remarks	4:15 - 4:30pm	Plastics and Health Bioregional Forum Planning Committee	Wrap up and look ahead