7:30 AM
Registration (Breakfast on your own)

8:30 AM
Welcome: Secretary Charles Snively, Kentucky Energy & Environment Cabinet
Opening Remarks: Matt Leopold, USEPA, General Counsel

9:00 AM
Panel Discussion on Legislative Issues
Participants will discuss the results of the 2019 legislative session, and expectations for the 2020 session
Moderator: Renee Shaw, KET
Secretary Charles Snively, Ky Energy & Environment Cabinet
Sen. Brandon Smith, Chair, Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee
Rep. Jim Gooch, Chair, House Natural Resources & Energy Committee
Kate Shanks, Vice-President of Policy Development, Ky Chamber of Commerce
Tom Fitzgerald, Director, Ky Resources Council

10:15 AM
Break

10:30 AM
Panel Discussion: Department of Environmental Protection
Collaboration between EPA and DEP on topics such as the waters of the US, Affordable Clean Energy Rule, and priorities for 2020 and beyond.
Moderator: Sean Alteri, Deputy Commissioner, Ky Department for Environmental Protection
Mary Walker, EPA Regional Administrator, Region 4
Tony Hatton, Commissioner, Ky Department for Environmental Protection
Peter Goodmann, Director, Ky Division of Water
Melissa Duff, Director, Ky Division for Air Quality

11:45 AM
Awards Luncheon
Introduction: Secretary Charles Snively, Ky Energy and Environment Cabinet
Keynote Speaker: Matt Bevin, Governor of Ky
Awards Presentation: John Mura, Executive Director, Office of Communication, EEC

1:30 PM
Panel Discussion: Department for Natural Resources
Speakers will discuss the White Oak initiative, sustaining Kentucky’s forest and bourbon industries, and Ky Nature Preserves' management of endangered species and natural areas.
Panel Discussion: Department for Natural Resources (Continued)

Moderator: Paulette Akers, Director, Division of Conservation
Jeff Stringer, UK Department of Forestry Chair
“Overview of White Oak in Ky in what led to White Oak Initiative”
Jordy Jordahl, Interim Director of National White Oak Initiative, American Forest Foundation
“What is the White Oak Initiative and how will it be delivered on the ground”
Speaker TBD, Ky Distillers Association
“Importance of bourbon in Ky, demand growth, relation to hardwood industry – specifically white oak”
Zeb Weese, Executive Director, Office of Ky Nature Preserves
“Managing Ky’s Endangered Species and Natural Areas”

3:00 PM
Panel Discussion: Public Service Commission
A discussion with utility representatives on the nexus between environmental regulations and the role of the economic regulator. An update on priority PSC initiatives will also be provided.

Moderator: Talina Mathews, PSC Commissioner
Panelists, Part I:
David Crews, Senior Vice President of Power Supply, East Ky Power Cooperative
Robert Conroy, Vice President, State Regulation and Rates, L&GE/KU

Speakers, Part II:
Michael Schmitt, PSC Chairman
Robert Cicero, PSC Vice Chairman
Gwen Pinson, PSC Executive Director

2:45 PM
Break

4:15 PM
Adjourn: Secretary Charles Snavely,
Kentucky Energy & Environment Cabinet