



Briefing Notice

Resilient and Healthy Rivers The Ohio River

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 • 9:00 - 10:00 AM EDT

Breakfast and networking begin at 8:30 AM EDT

Rayburn Gold Room (2168) • Please RSVP @ eesi.org/090925rivers

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** and the **Ohio River Basin Alliance** invite you to a briefing outlining how policymakers and community stakeholders can help restore the health of the Ohio River. The Ohio River is an important driver of economic growth for the six states it runs through—Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois. It also supplies drinking water for more than [30 million](#) people. And yet, it is considered one of the [most heavily polluted](#) rivers in the country. Impacted by toxic waste and sewage, mining and agricultural runoff, and inadequate water infrastructure, the river faces conservation challenges, from habitat loss to the spread of invasive species.

This briefing will unpack the challenges and opportunities embedded in increasing the health and resilience of the Ohio River Basin. In particular, panelists will address the disproportionate impact of both pollution and flooding on economically disadvantaged communities. Policymakers will leave with an understanding of how collaboration between community stakeholders, industry, and federal, state, and local governments advances pollution remediation work, conservation efforts, and climate resilience projects.

Introductory remarks by:

- **Chris Lorentz**, Chair, Ohio River Basin Alliance
- **Rep. Morgan McGarvey**, U.S. Representative (D-Ky.)
- **Rep. Erin Houchin**, U.S. Representative (R-Ind.)

Speakers include:

- **Glen Delaney**, Director of Partnerships, Earth Economics
- **Lisa Hollingsworth-Segedy**, Director, River Restoration, American Rivers
- **Lauren Anderson**, Program and Research Manager, Envirome Institute, University of Louisville

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