

Western Occupational & Environmental Medical Association



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President's Address

WOEMA Members:

The time is drawing very near for yet another exciting conference. WOHC 2025 as you already may know is in the absolutely gorgeous venue of the Grand America Hotel in the heart of Salt Lake City, September 25-27. This is where everyone goes for the ultimate conference experience in Salt Lake City. If this wasn't enough already, the autumn colors will be out in full force to welcome you. This is beauty layered upon beauty.

Our agenda is full of great presentations. Just see for yourself! The preconference sessions are fantastic. Who can't use some pointers on how to navigate the medical legal system? Who couldn't use another skill for their office, thinking musculoskeletal ultrasound? Do you really have enough money in your piggy bank? Not sure? Come to the financial session. Four hours of top notch advice on your personal finance. This is for those getting started, those looking at retirement, or indeed already retired! You will have the opportunity to have your current plan evaluated individually, or start a plan as part of this session. Wish I would have had this when first starting out!

The on-sites are filling up. Park City here we come. Watch out for those training Olympians doing their twirls in the air and landing those big splashes in the Olympic pool. I heard it is a flipping great time! Also we have for those who love music the golden opportunity to hear the Mormon tabernacle choir. Ever hear them before? It's like a chorus of Angels!

The hotel is filling up. Get your reservation in now. If you have been before you know it's a must stay. The place is absolutely stunning! We chose our Western themed signature event to be held there since it is so absolutely deliciously beautiful.

Transportation is a "snap". The usual methods are all available but the light rail is accessed just outside the Airport doors. It is a short 15-20 minute ride for \$1.50-\$3.00. You get off at the courthouse stop and you are at the front door of the Grand America. It's like everything was built just for you.

Can't wait to see you there!

Climate and Environmental Engagement

The EPA's endangerment finding, issued in December 2009, determined that six key greenhouse gases—carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride—endanger public health and welfare by contributing to climate change. This scientific and legal determination was mandated by the Supreme Court's *Massachusetts v. EPA* (2007) decision, which held that, under the Clean Air Act, the EPA must evaluate whether greenhouse gas pollution presents a threat and regulate it if so. The endangerment finding serves as the legal foundation for U.S. federal regulations to limit greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles, power plants, and other major sources in order to protect environmental and human health.

EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin announced on July 28, 2025, a major proposed rulemaking to rescind the agency's 2009 endangerment finding, the scientific and legal basis that allows the EPA to regulate greenhouse gases as threats to public health and welfare. Zeldin's proposal, described by himself as "the largest deregulatory action in the history of America," would repeal a total of 31 environmental regulations covering clean air, water, and climate, and seeks to eliminate federal standards on climate pollution from cars, power plants, and other sources. This move would also undo regulations supporting the Biden-era electric vehicle (EV) mandate and is expected to save what the agency claims would be \$54 billion annually by removing all greenhouse gas standards for vehicles. Zeldin made the announcement at an auto dealership in Indiana alongside other senior administration officials, arguing that the original finding was based on faulty science and overreached EPA authority.

Many medical and environmental organizations have already pledged legal challenges, warning that eliminating the endangerment finding would gut the nation's ability to address climate change and protect public health. WOEMA members are strongly encouraged to follow and participate in the public comment process on this matter. While the EPA hearing has already occurred, you may submit individual comments by going to this website: <https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OAR-2025-0194-0093>. You can submit comments through September 15, 2025.

By sharing personal stories and highlighting scientific evidence, you can help ensure that environmental health protections—like those under the endangerment finding—are strengthened and not weakened. Engaging in this process amplifies community voices, holds regulators accountable, and can shape final rules affecting air quality, water safety, and climate policy.

Your involvement is vital to safeguarding public health and advancing meaningful climate action.

WOEMA Legislative Committee



Register for a WOEMA Webinar!

August 29, 2025

12:00 pm PT

**Accelerated Silicosis: The
Australian Occupational Health
Response**

Presented by Dr. Dominic Yong, MBBS, FAFOEM (RACP),
MastersOccEnvHealth, FRACGP, FAICD
President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Occupational Medicine

This talk will outline the emergency of accelerated silicosis, the occupational health response to addressing the workplace hazard, and strategies to reduce the probability of re-emergence of this type of condition.

[Click here to Register!](#)

Only One Month to Go Until WOHC 2025!

We are officially just one month away from WOHC 2025, and we couldn't be more excited! Get ready to join occupational and environmental medicine physicians from September 25-27, 2025, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

See what's in store and start planning your WOHC experience by viewing the [FULL AGENDA HERE!](#)

BONUS: Registered attendees can enter to win a Hawaiian Timeshare Getaway!
Add raffle tickets to your registration for a chance to win!

[View a Video Message from WOHC Chair Dr. Eric Wood](#)

[Register Now!](#)

Upcoming ACOEM Deadlines

- [Submit your AOHC 2026 Session or Poster Abstract Proposals by Sept. 15](#)
- Demonstrate your dedication and leadership in occupational medicine by becoming a Fellow of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (FACOEM). The deadline to apply for the Class of 2026 is November 1, 2025. [Click here for more information.](#)

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