



OHIO RIVER VALLEY SOILS SEMINAR LVI

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KENTUCKY GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING GROUP
56TH ANNUAL OHIO RIVER VALLEY SOILS SEMINAR
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026
LOUISVILLE MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN
280 W JEFFERSON ST
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40202

The 56th Ohio River Valley Soils Seminar (ORVSS LVI) will include presentations on several high-profile regional infrastructure projects and geotechnical issues, along with a panel discussion on risk and liability.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Exhibitor Registration Contact:

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Exhibitor Registration: \$750 (includes one individual registration)

Exhibitor registration code required. Contact Mr. Andres for code and exhibitor setup times, as well as table and electricity details.

Individual Registration:

Early Registration: \$275
(through Oct 19th)

Regular Registration: \$325
(after Oct 19th)

Student Registration: \$75

Registration includes seminar admission, coffee and pastries during registration, lunch and refreshment breaks, and 7 PDHs.

Registration (Additional Notes 2nd Page):

Register online at <http://kgeg.org/orvss/>.

Location Information:

Venue:

Louisville Marriott Downtown
<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/sdfm-louisville-marriott-downtown/overview>

Questions:

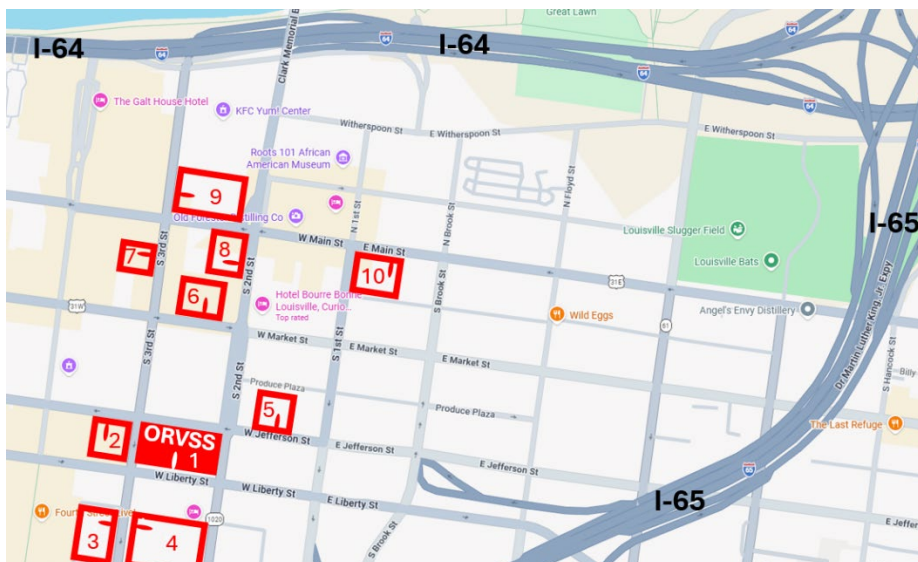
Contact Samantha Schardein, PE
(Samantha.L.Schardein@usace.army.mil)

Nearby Garage Parking

(Daily Rates – Subject to Change):

- (1) On-site (255 W Liberty St): \$40.00
- (2) Commonwealth (300 W Jefferson): \$12
- (3) Starks (430 S 3rd St): \$15
- (4) Omni (419 S 3rd St): \$22
- (5) Jefferson Ctr (115 W Jefferson St): \$15
- (6) LG&E Center (209 W Market St): \$16
- (7) Actor's Garage (130 S 3rd St): \$11
- (8) Courtyard Marriott (100 S 2nd St): \$14
- (9) Arena Garage (One Arena Plaza): \$9
- (10) 1st & Main (100 E Main St): \$22

Less expensive surface parking also is available nearby, but spaces are limited and first come, first served.



Tentative Agenda – November 19, 2026

7:00-7:45 am	Registration
7:45-8:00 am	Welcome Remarks
8:00-8:50 am	Building on Mine Spoils [Wayne Karem, CTL Engineering]
8:50-9:40 am	Blasting Incident at Louisville VA Hospital [Amanda Baker, USACE]
9:40-10:00 am	Break
10:00-10:50 am	Brent Spence Corridor – Project Update and Geotechnical Challenges [Joe Smithson, ODOT and John Volk, AECOM]
10:50-11:40 am	AASHTO Section 10 Changes. What's in it? [Silas Nichols, FHWA]
11:40-1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00-1:50 pm	Cyclic Failure (Liquefaction) Mitigation of Loess in the New Madrid Seismic Zone Using Deep Soil Mixed Grid [Tom Humbert, Schnabel Engineering]
1:50-2:40 pm	Site Challenges at Glendale Industrial Site [Matt Slusser, CTL Engineering and Wayne Karem, CTL Engineering]
2:40-3:00 pm	Break
3:00-4:40 pm	Risk & Liability in Geotechnical Engineering – A Panel Discussion [Gerry Stovall (Construction Lawyer), The Stovall Firm; TBD (In-House Counsel for Engineering Firm); Duane Ray (Insurance Provider), Big 4 Insurance; Mark Schuhmann (Expert Witness), WSP]; and others
4:40-4:55 pm	Concluding Remarks and Door Prize Drawing

REGISTRATION

Register online at <http://kgeg.org/orvss/>. Credit card payments are accepted online. Please contact Sara Durr, EIT (Sara.B.Durr@usace.army.mil) if an alternative to credit card payment is necessary.

OTHER NOTES

Registration closes November 12, 2026.

No cancellations or refunds; however, substitution is allowed.

Student registration requires a valid student ID.

Number of attendees limited to 225.

Number of exhibitors limited to 30.

Printed PDHs will be available at the end of the session.

Full attendance is required for PDH credit. Contact Samantha Schardein, PE (Samantha.L.Schardein@usace.army.mil) for a modified certificate if full attendance is not possible.

Venue is handicap accessible. Contact Rocky Shang, PhD, PE (Hong.Shang@wsp.com) with questions or special needs.