

**EPA AA ACADEMY PRESS POLICY**  
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The EPA AA Academy is aware that some members of the press have asked if they could attend and report on Academy programs. This question from the press presents a question for the Association and the Academy of whether we should allow press to attend our programs, and if so, under what conditions.

We are pleased with the interest in our programs and wish to continue providing information about key topics to our primary audience of EPA alumni. We value open discussion and at the same time we are concerned that the direct presence of the press may have a chilling effect on our presenters and their comfort level with speaking freely about what often are very controversial subjects.

We currently record all of our sessions and put them on our website which is available to the public, including the press. We do not announce our sessions specifically to the press, but post general announcements on our website. The Academy believes this is adequate access for the press. If a member of the Academy committee, the moderator, or any panelist were approached by the press about participating in a program, they should refer them to the recordings on the website. If any individual member of the Academy committee, a moderator, or panelist wishes to speak to the press directly, about their remarks, they would be free to do so.