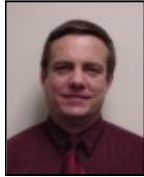


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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Joseph B. Hossley, P.E., DEE

I would like to welcome you to another year of the Central Texas Chapter of A&WMA. This year we hope to bring you a creative mixture of speakers that will provide information useful to your professional careers as well as provide networking opportunities with private and public business representatives.

Our chapter will also be coordinating and staffing a one day conference on March 7, 2006 entitled “*Environmental Issues in Motion.*” The conference will focus on the environmental issues surrounding the Interstate 35 corridor. This one day conference has been very successful in the past and we hope that you will mark your calendars to join us this year. The ‘Upcoming Events’ section of this newsletter contains more details on the conference.

We recently elected 2006 chapter officers. Please join me in welcoming the following officers to our leadership team:

- President:** Joe Hossley, RMT Inc.
- Vice President:** Irvin Bilsky, Environmental Consulting Services
- Secretary:** Lucy Fraiser, Ph.D., Signature Science
- Treasurer:** Chris Pepper, Lloyd Gosselink

We look forward to a fun and informative year here at the Central Texas Chapter of A&WMA. If you have any suggestions for speakers or chapter activities, please don’t hesitate to contact me at email: joe.hossley@rmtinc.com.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2006
<http://www.main.org/awmactc/index.htm>

TOPIC: TCEQ Remediation Division Update

SPEAKERS: Alan Batcheller & Jay Carsten from the TCEQ

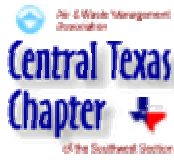
OVERVIEW: Our speakers this month will be Alan Batcheller, section manager for TCEQ State Lead sites, and Jay Carsten, manager of one of two TCEQ environmental cleanup sections that oversee remediation at Voluntary Cleanup Program, Petroleum Storage Tank, Corrective Action, and PRP Lead State Superfund sites. Alan and Jay will discuss recent organizational changes in TCEQ’s Remediation Division and the purpose and benefits of this reorganization, as well as update us on any changes in laws, regulations, and technical and policy guidance affecting sites being remediated under these programs.

SPONSOR: URS Corporation is ranked the #1 Engineering Design firm by Engineering News-Record for the past five years and provides a full range of engineering and environmental services to a wide array of public and private sector clients. The URS Austin office offers a diversity of expertise that focuses on environmental, engineering, measurements, and information technology services. From designing bridges and roads to conducting site investigations and remediation to providing web-enabled information technology to conducting water quality evaluations and modeling, we have a focus on providing solutions that bring value to our clients. For additional information visit: www.urscorp.com.

TIMES: 5:30-6:00 p.m. – Reception and Meal
6:00-6:10 p.m. – Chapter Business
6:10-7:00 p.m. – Presentation

LOCATION: 301 Congress Avenue, Room 360, Northeast Corner of 3rd and Congress.

RSVP: If you plan on attending the meeting, please send your RSVP to Lucy H. Fraiser Ph.D., 512-533-2068 or lfraiser@signaturescience.com.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

ICE MEETING

January 19, 2006, 10:00 a.m.

Doubletree Club Hotel at MLK, Austin, TX

The Industry Council on the Environment (ICE) will be holding its January 19th meeting at the Doubletree Club Hotel in Austin. Mr. Steve Morton of Jenkens and Gilchrist will be discussing the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Mr. Morton also serves as general counsel to the Industry Council on the Environment. For additional information visit: www.ice-texas.org.

Vapor Intrusion: The Next Great Environmental Challenge

January 25-27, 2006, Philadelphia, PA

The vapor intrusion pathway is fast becoming a significant concern that may impact thousands of sites across the U.S. This conference will bring together recognized experts in vapor intrusion from a variety of fields offering their knowledge and expertise. For a conference brochure visit: <http://www.awma.org/events/conf/vapor%20intrusion/VaporPreliminary.pdf>

Environmental Issues in Motion

March 7, 2006, Austin, Texas

A&WMA CTC Sponsored Event

The A&WMA Central Texas Chapter is sponsoring this one day conference. It will cover a wide range of topics impacting the Interstate 35 corridor, stressing environmental issues critical to the health and well-being of Central Texas and its citizens. The preliminary agenda includes speakers and panels addressing issues such as air quality, transportation, toxics security, power plants, and enforcement. The conference will offer knowledgeable and influential speakers with unique insights into each topic area. For additional information visit the CTC A&WMA website at: <http://www.main.org/awmactc/index.htm>.

2006 Design and Construction Issues at Hazardous Waste Sites Conference

April 19-20, 2006, Philadelphia, PA

This conference sponsored by the EPA will provide a forum for various governmental agencies as well as the private sector to discuss design and construction issues at hazardous waste sites. For additional information visit: <http://www.rdra.org/construction/home.htm>

Guideline on Air Quality Models: Applications and FLAG Developments

April 26-28, 2005, Denver, CO

This A&WMA symposium is designed to provide professionals an opportunity to share experiences with the EPA's *Guideline on Air Quality Models*. The model is part of the requirements for many state State Implementation Plans (SIP) as well as many state and federal construction permits. For additional information visit: <http://www.awma.org/events/conf/AQMODELS05/default.asp>.

TCEQ Environmental Trade Fair and Conference

May 9-11, 2006, Austin, Texas

The TCEQ will be hosting its annual Environmental Trade Fair and Conference at the Austin Convention Center.

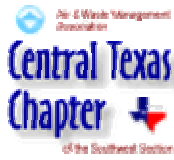
Additional information on this highly regarded conference will be provided when available. To be placed on the mailing list visit:

<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/events/etfc/etf.html>.

Symposium on Air Quality Measurement Methods and Technology

May 9-11, 2006, Durham, NC

The A&WMA will be hosting this conference to discuss the latest advances in air quality measurement technology for every aspect of air quality. There will be a trade show as well as opportunities for professional development. For additional information visit the A&WMA website at: <http://www.awma.org/events/conf/Measurements/2006/default.asp>.



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A&WMA 2006 Annual Conference & Exhibition June 20-23, 2006, New Orleans, LA

The A&WMA will be holding its annual conference at the New Orleans Convention Center in New Orleans, Louisiana this year. The A&WMA board of directors agreed unanimously to continue to hold the conference there as planned in an effort to show support for the rebuilding process. For additional information on the conference visit: <http://www.awma.org/ACE2006/>.

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Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2006.

Members on the Move

Paul Cravens, our former A&WMA Communication Co-Chair, has taken a position as section manager with Earth Tech, managing their Dallas and Austin offices. In addition to Environmental, Paul will also be managing Transportation and Water/Wastewater business lines. He's down at 811 Barton Springs Road and invites you to stop by and say howdy. You can also reach Paul by email at paul.cravens@earthtech.com.

Job Opening Announcements

As a service to our members and member companies, the Central Texas Chapter of A&WMA will from time to time forward to its mailing list available job openings in the area. Contacts for the posted position are provided; please do not contact A&WMA regarding these positions. If in the future, your company has an open position in the environmental field that you wish to have forwarded to our mailing list, please send a brief job description and contact information to our Chapter chair, Joe Hossley, at Joe.Hossley@rmtinc.com.

Exciting Opportunities await A&WMA Volunteers

The Chapter has many exciting events planned for the coming year, but as always, we need your help to make them happen. If you are interested in working with us on any of the programs, please contact our Chapter Chair, Joe Hossley, at Joe.Hossley@rmtinc.com <[mailto: Joe.Hossley@rmtinc.com](mailto:Joe.Hossley@rmtinc.com)>.

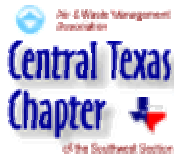
LOCAL AND STATE NEWS

TCEQ Issues Drought Advisory and Request for Water Suppliers and Public Water System to Implement Contingency Plan

Due to worsened surface water conditions and a decline in river streamflows, the TCEQ has issued a request for water suppliers and public water systems to review and implement their drought contingency plans if needed. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration anticipate drought conditions will occur through March of 2006 for parts of Texas. For additional information visit: http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/comm_exec/communication/media/01-06watersystemletter.html.

TCEQ Requiring Alternative Language Notices be Published for Some Water and Water Quality Permit Applications

The TCEQ is now requiring some permit applicants to publish public notices in English as well as alternative languages. Applicants for waste and water quality permits where the facility is located by an elementary and middle schools offering a bilingual education program will be required to publish the notice in alternative languages. For additional information on notice requirements, visit: http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/comm_exec/communication/media/12-05alternatelanguagenotice.html



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NATIONAL NEWS

EPA Proposes Modifications and Deadline Extension to the SPCC Rule

The EPA is proposing two amendments to the oil Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) rule. One extends the compliance date for all facilities to October 31, 2007 and the second amendment streamlines the regulatory requirements for airport mobile refuelers, qualified facilities, and qualified oil-filled operational equipment. Public comment is being accepted until February 9, 2006. For additional information on the proposed amendments, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/oilspill/index.htm>

National Weather Service Makes Precipitation Data Available On-line

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is making available precipitation analyses data available online for a limited period of time. This data can be used to assist with drought monitoring, climate trends, and flood forecasting. The data can be downloaded in a variety of formats. For additional information visit: http://www.srh.noaa.gov/rfcshare/precip_analysis_new.php.

EPA Retiring 25 Year Old Air Quality Model

The EPA is replacing its air quality model with a new model called AERMOD. AERMOD is replacing the Industrial Source Complex (ISC3) that has been used since 1980. The new model is being phased in for regulators to use in evaluating their improvement in reducing air pollutants under the Clean Air Act. For additional information on the new air model AERMOD, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/scram001/7thconf/aermod/mod-desc.txt>.

EPA Releases Guide to Control Urban Runoff Pollution

The EPA has released a guidebook to assist states and cities in managing nonpoint source pollution called National Management Measures to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution from Urban Areas. The guide covers

several topic areas such as watershed protection, new development, and pollution prevention as well as others. To download the guide or for additional information visit: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/urbanmm/>.

EPA Proposing Changes to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particle Pollution

The EPA is accepting comments to proposed changes to the national ambient air quality standards for particle pollution. The revisions that are being proposed will address fine particles and coarse particles that are inhaled. For additional information or to comment, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/air/particles/actions.html>.

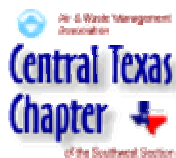
EPA Announces New Water Conservation Organization

The EPA announced a new water organization called the Alliance for Water Efficiency. It is anticipated that the new water organization will conduct water research, provide water education and water evaluation. Backed by the EPA and the California Urban Water Conservation Council, this new organization will be located in Chicago with an additional office in Washington, D.C. More information about the new organization will be provided on the EPA website when it becomes available. For additional information on the new water conservation organization, visit: http://www.cuwcc.org/national_cwe.lasso.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS OF THE WEIRD

You Think Your Job is Bad?

Popular Science magazine in October released their annual worst jobs in science list. Positions include: (10) Orangutan Pee Collector, (9) NASA Ballerina, (8) Do-Gooder (pays to help a scientific expedition), (7) Semen Washer, (6) Volcanologist, (5) Nuclear Weapons Scientist, (4) Extremophile Excavator, (3) Kansas Biology Teacher, (2) Manure Inspector, (1) Human Lab Rat. For additional information on each of these jobs, visit: <http://www.popsci.com/popsci/science/806ffb24a5f27010vgncvcm1000004eebcddrcrd/10.html>



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Membership in the Chapter

To join the Chapter, please complete and return the membership form available from the [Chapter web site](http://www.main.org/awmactc/) (www.main.org/awmactc/) or contact our Chapter Secretary, Lucy Fraiser, at 512-533-2068 or at lfraiser@signaturescience.com. If you wish to join both the Central Texas Chapter and A&WMA International, contact A&WMA headquarters in Pittsburgh at 1-800-270-3444. Membership in the Chapter is \$25 (\$10 for full-time students).

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