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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

THURSDAY, November 16, 2006

<http://www.main.org/awmactc/index.htm>

TOPIC: Edwards Aquifer Hydrogeology and Policy

SPEAKERS: Professor Jack Sharp

OVERVIEW: Professor John M. Sharp, PhD, will discuss the historical performance of the Edwards Aquifer, drought impacts on the aquifer, and policy and regulatory considerations and potential responses relevant to the aquifer's performance. Professor Sharp is the Dave P. Carlton Centennial Professor in Geology in the Department of Geological Sciences at The University of Texas at Austin. This topic is intended to be suitable for continuing education for Professional Geologists. We do not plan to apply for continuing legal education credit for this topic.

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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 Mary Etter at mary.etter@lcra.org or 473-3247

UPCOMING EVENTS

ICE Meeting

"The ABCs of the TCEQ"

November 16, 2006, 9:30 a.m.

Doubletree Club Hotel at MLK, Austin, TX

The Industry Council on the Environment (ICE) will be holding its November 16th meeting at the Doubletree Club Hotel in Austin. Mark Vickery from the TCEQ will be speaking. For additional information on the meeting and speakers, visit www.ice-texas.org.

Integrated Control Strategies: Achieving a Greater Benefit

November 16-17, 2006

Research Triangle Park, NC

This A&WMA conference is designed to provide the latest information regarding efforts by the EPA and environmental professionals to develop integrated multi-pollutant policies as well as tools and strategies regarding the nature of air quality management. For additional information, visit

<http://www.awma.org/events/conf/intergrated%20strategies/integratedstrategies.asp>.

UST Management & Compliance Assistance Seminar

December 12, 2006

Austin Marriott North, Round Rock, TX

The TCEQ will be hosting a UST seminar at the Austin Marriott North in Round Rock, Texas. This seminar is focused on smaller owners/operators of UST systems. Information will be provided on the various equipment and methodologies necessary to monitor UST systems. Continuing education credit will be available for professional engineers as well as those holding A/B licenses. For additional information, contact Diane Stallings at 512-239-6333 or visit

<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/admin/events/12-06ust.pdf>.



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CENTRAL TEXAS CHAPTER NEWS

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2006. There will be no meeting in December. We would like to thank Cook-Joyce for sponsoring our October meeting. Thank you for your support!

Job Opening Announcements

As a service to our members and member companies, the CTC 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. Please see page 4 for current listings. 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.

LOCAL AND STATE NEWS

Texas Recycle Day November 15th

The TCEQ in conjunction with Keep Texas Beautiful have set aside November 15th as Texas Recycle Day. The theme of this year's campaign is focused on encouraging the reclamation and regeneration of discarded household items in an effort to reduce the amount of waste thrown away into landfills. For additional information on Texas Recycles Day, visit <http://www.ktb.org/programs/TRD/index.html>.

NATIONAL NEWS

EPA Proposes New Air Standards for Gasoline Dispensing Facilities

The EPA is proposing new air toxics standards for urban gasoline dispensing facilities including bulk terminals, pipeline facilities, and gasoline stations in an effort to prevent the loss of gasoline into the air. It is estimated that the proposed standards would result in reducing 45,000-46,000 tons of VOCs annually. Compliance with the standard for most large bulk facilities would cost between \$60-65 million. It is estimated that \$6 million a year in savings would be realized from recovered gasoline vapors and offset the equipment and operation costs. For additional information, visit http://epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/t3/fact_sheets/areagasdistproposal_fs.html

EPA Issues New Groundwater Rule

Utilities that use groundwater as a source for drinking water will be required to look for microbial pathogens in their drinking water under a new rule signed by the EPA on October 11th. The rule takes a risk-based approach to identify fecal matter contamination in groundwater systems. The EPA estimates that about 147,000 utilities will be affected by the new rule. Compliance with the rule is required by December 1, 2009. For additional information, visit <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/disinfection/gwr/regulation.html>.

EPA WaterSense Program Establishes Voluntary Standards for Irrigation Professionals

On October 27th the EPA set technical requirements to certify landscape irrigation professionals under its WaterSense program. The certification program is designed to test the ability to design, install, maintain and audit water-efficient landscape irrigation systems. WaterSense is a voluntary program that promotes products and programs that support conservation of the nation's water supply as well as establishing certification for water industry personnel. For additional information on the WaterSense program, visit <http://www.epa.gov/watersense>.



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Louisiana to Utilize Sewage to Revitalize Wetlands

Treated nutrient rich sewage from New Orleans and St. Bernard Parish will be pumped into the eroded coastal marshes in an effort to revitalize 10,000 acres of devastated wetlands. The plan calls for treated sewage plant discharge that now ends up in the Mississippi River, to be diverted and funneled into wetlands in the vicinity of Bayou Bienvenue in an effort to increase plant growth and restore decades of erosion. For more information, visit <http://www.nola.com/search/index.ssf?/base/news-6/1160978422135610.xml?NPI&coll=1>.

California Attorney General Files First Global Warming Damages Suit

California's attorney general has filed a lawsuit against several Japanese and U.S. automakers in an effort to hold them responsible for vehicle emissions that have "contributed significantly to global warming, harmed the resources, infrastructure and environmental health of California, and cost the state millions of dollars to address current and future effects." This lawsuit is the first to hold automakers responsible for damages caused by the emissions their products emit. For more information, visit <http://ag.ca.gov/newsalerts/release.php?id=1338>.

EPA Reports More Americans are Recycling

The EPA is reporting that the U.S. recycled 32% of its waste in 2005 representing a 2% increase from 2004 and a 16% increase from 1990. About 246 million tons of municipal solid waste was generated in 2005 resulting in a 2 million ton decrease from 2004. This 2 million ton reduction is a result in part to the decline in individual waste generation and an increase in individual recycling. For the full report, visit <http://www.epa.gov/msw/msw99.htm>.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Make My Table to Go

Two UK designers as part of a design exhibition have developed the latest in functional furniture—a table that doubles as a life raft in the event of flooding. The table titled "Either Oar" is designed so that the table floats and the legs can be removed to become oars in the event of an emergency. For more information, visit <http://www.london-se1.co.uk/news/view/2324>



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Employment Opportunities

As a service to our members and member companies, the CTC of A&WMA will from time to time forward to its members available job openings in the area. Contacts for the posted position are provided in the job posting.

W&M Environmental Group, Inc. is currently recruiting for a mid-level Project Manager to work in the areas of Industrial Compliance and assessment/closure of impacted properties (VCP, IOP, and LPST sites) in our Austin/San Antonio office.

The appropriate individual will possess a physical sciences background and work with a multidisciplinary team of engineers and scientists on a variety of projects in Texas and surrounding states. Essential duties and responsibilities include: field investigations, data analysis, report writing and editing, preparation of data tables, graphs, and maps, maintain appropriate level of communication with client as related to projects, budget, quality and schedule of assigned projects, complete internal paperwork accurately and timely, and stay current with professional certifications.

Qualifications for the applicant are as follows: 3 to 5 years of experience in consulting or industry EHS; exhibit readiness to conduct field programs; proficient in project scheduling; ability to work well independently and with a diverse, multidisciplinary team in a fast-paced, team-oriented work environment; solid account management skills; and solid time management and follow-through skills with the ability to simultaneously work on and manage multiple tasks/projects with tight deadlines. W&M is looking for professionals with a positive and energetic attitude, self-motivated and with strong initiative, detail oriented, and resourceful. Education/experience requirements are as follows: Bachelor's Degree in Geology, Geography, Hydrology, Civil/Environmental Engineering or Environmental/Natural Resources Science. PE, PG or EIT preferred. Proficient in Microsoft Office Word & Excel, Publisher, GIS, and AutoCAD preferred. Periodic travel to field sites and other W&M offices throughout Texas (up to 30%). Strong business/client orientation.

To apply: Resumes can be faxed to Nic Andreani at 512-493-9693 or sent via e-mail to austininfo@wh-m.com. Applicants must be citizens of the United States. For more information on W&M, visit our web site at <http://www.wh-m.com>.

INTERA – Austin, TX

Positions open for Environmental Scientists/Engineers

INTERA is an internationally recognized consulting firm providing professional environmental consulting services in the areas of site investigations and remediation, groundwater monitoring and modeling, feasibility studies, remedial system design/implementation, site reclamation and closure, Brownfields investigation and remediation, radioactive and hazardous waste management, and water resources planning. Positions are open in the Austin, Texas office for staff with a Bachelors Degree or Masters Degree in an applicable scientific or engineering discipline and various levels of experience. PG, EIT or PE registrations are desirable. Field experience (soil and groundwater investigations, well logging and installation, aquifer testing, remediation system O&M), interpretation of soil and groundwater data, OSHA 40 hr training, and strong writing and communications skills are also desired. Experience with the Texas Risk Reduction Program and preparation of APARs, RAPs and RACRs is preferred. The positions are located in Austin, Texas, and are available immediately. INTERA maintains a professional, challenging, and highly technical work environment with long term career and professional development opportunities. INTERA is an equal opportunity employer offering competitive compensation and benefits. Additional information about INTERA is available on our web site at www.intera.com. Please send your letter of interest and resume with scholastic achievements, references and salary expectations to: hr@intera.com or fax to 512-425-2098.



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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/awmact/) (www.main.org/awmact/) or contact our Chapter Secretary, Mary Etter, at 512-473-3247 or mary.etter@lcra.org. 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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