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Message from the Chair

Corey Gautreaux, PPM Consultants, Inc.

Growing up I have always been a fan of March Madness. The buzzer beaters, mayhem, and excitement are everything I love about sports. However, my young self didn't realize that in the profession I would ultimately choose, March Madness takes on another meaning. Compliance Season! Although March is behind us, we still have plenty of work ahead with emissions inventories, TRI reports, and (now...maybe?) some greenhouse gas reporting. Hopefully you'll be able to leave the buzzer beaters to the basketball court and cruise into the second quarter with some extra time on the clock.

The Section has already hosted two events in 2025, and we are just getting started. It was great seeing those that were able to make the lunch and dinner meetings, and I look forward to seeing those of you again, or for the first time, at a future event. The calendar is filling up, so be sure to check your emails for all the upcoming events.

We will host our annual Golf Tournament on May 1st at Pelican Point in Gonzales. Registration is open and we look forward to seeing everyone out on the greens. This year will include a post-golf gathering at the pavilion with jambalaya and door prizes, so please plan to stick around a bit after the tournament. The Louisiana Section is happy to partner with the Association to bring the HON Workshop to New Orleans on April 8th and 9th! Registration is still open if you can make it. We will host a lunch meeting at Mike Anderson's on May 22nd and Happy Hour at Rally Cap Brewing in Baton Rouge on July 17th. Finally, the Annual Conference (ACE) will be held on June 9th – 12th in Raleigh, North Carolina. As you can see, there are a lot of great events to bring us together in the coming months!

As the landscape surrounding the EPA continues to evolve, the Section will continue to offer timely discussions on what this means for you. We pride ourselves on offering a neutral forum for open discussions and could not do this without the help of our speakers and the cooperation from the Louisiana DEQ.

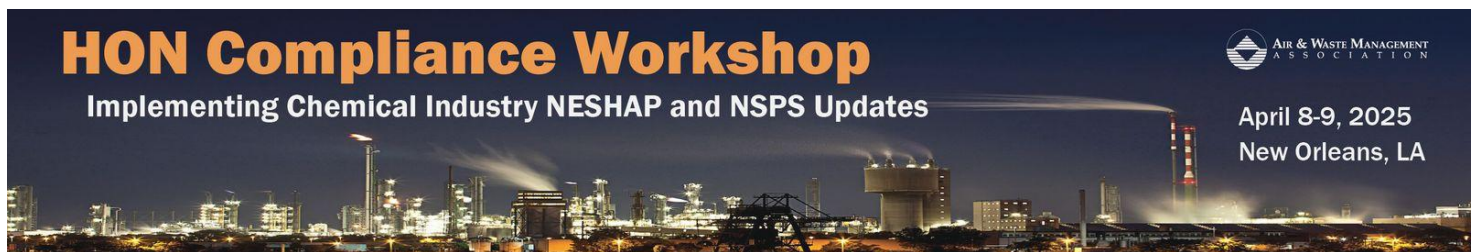
Thanks again for being a part of this great organization. If you are interested in getting involved or have any feedback you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to reach out. Until next quarter, stay safe and healthy!

HON Compliance Workshop

Karen Brignac, Deltech Monomers OpCo, LLC

Last year, EPA finalized updates to the Hazardous Organic and Group I Polymers and Resins NESHAP (40 CFR 63 Subparts F, G, H, I, W, and U), as well as several New Source Performance Standards impacting chemical facilities (VVb, IIIa, NNNa, RRRa, and Kc). This 2-day workshop will address these changes in detail with presentations from experts. Presentations will also include lessons learned from other industry's experience implementing similar requirements. The agenda is available at [A&WMA HON Compliance Workshop](#). If you work for or support a HON facility or plan to install new equipment covered by the new NSPS, please plan to attend to learn how to comply. It's not too late to register!

April 8-9, 2025 at the Drury Hotel, steps from the French Quarter, in New Orleans, LA. [Sponsorship and display opportunities](#) are available!



HON Compliance Workshop
Implementing Chemical Industry NESHAP and NSPS Updates

AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

April 8-9, 2025
New Orleans, LA

Association Board of Directors

Congratulations to LA Section member and past Board Member, Jason Midgett, for being elected to the Association's Board of Directors. Jason is an Environmental Engineer at Placid Refining Company and has been elected to a Director position for 2025 through 2027. Jason has served numerous leadership positions for the LA Section including Past Chair, Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, YP Chair, and Newsletter Chair. Jason has also been heavily involved in the Association's Young Professional Advisory Council, Education Council and served as Chair for the Webinar Committee. In 2015 Jason was awarded the Association's Outstanding Young Professional award.



2025 Annual Conference & Exhibition

from the Association website: www.awma.org

Raleigh, NC will be the host to the 2025 annual Air & Waste Management Conference & Exhibition. A city renowned for its leadership in environmental research and technological innovation, its proximity to the US EPA, the research triangle, and leading universities makes it the ideal location to foster collaboration between industry leaders, researchers, and policymakers, advancing innovative solutions that promote both equity and resilience.

As the premier global event for air quality, climate change, and environmental management, ACE 2025 will address critical topics such as new regulations and policy, clean technology, sustainable energy futures, environmental and climate justice, PFAS, green transportation solutions, and ESG approaches and reporting. Hot topics include the environmental impact of electric vehicles and battery energy storage, impacts of AI and data centers, the use of satellite data for air quality and emissions assessments, and the future of hydrogen as a fuel.

Understanding Member Benefits

Jennifer Tullier, Spirit Environmental

A&WMA has more than 5,000 members, 34 Sections, and 65 Chapters worldwide. A&WMA offers technical information, continuing education, career resources, networking, discounts, and many more benefits! A&WMA has several different categories of membership, including student, young professional, individual and organizational.

Member benefits include:

- Discounts of \$100 or more off of Association conference registration fees and \$50+ for Webinars.
- EM and the Journal exclusive online access
- Member EShare free monthly technical content
- Continuing Education Certificates to apply for PE, CEU, and CLE credits
- Free membership in your local chapter or section
- Free access to the Career Center
- Leadership and volunteer opportunities
- Discounts on publications, products, and subscriptions
- **Newest Benefit:** One free webinar per year! All A&WMA members in good standing will receive one free live or recorded webinar (\$99/1.5 hours or \$169/2 hours) per membership year. Your membership must be current at the time of the webinar.

Not a member, but ready to join and take advantage member benefits? Visit the [Association's website](#) to join now.

Corporate Sponsor News:

As provided by individual companies

DDG completed construction on a new office in Gautier, Mississippi, and purchased a new office in Baton Rouge, just minutes from Louisiana State University. These new additions in Baton Rouge and Southern Mississippi reflect our commitment to better serving the communities where we live, work, and play!

Element-Lafayette proudly recognizes and celebrates Rhonda David for her 43 consecutive years of tenure. As Office & Logistics Manager, Rhonda covers many roles on a daily basis to coordinate and ensure successful environmental testing programs. Her experience, mentorship and leadership is truly exemplary. Please join us in celebrating Rhonda on her 43 years of service. Thanks For All You Do!

Spirit Environmental was acquired by Montrose Environmental Group, Inc. in July 2024. This acquisition provides Spirit and Montrose's existing clients with expanded service offerings given the suite of complementary environmental solutions offered by Spirit and Montrose. Spirit is headquartered in Houston, Texas with locations in Austin, Texas; Denver, Colorado; and Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Spirit's approximately 50 employees join Montrose's approximately 3200 employees across 100+ locations worldwide.



Save the Dates
LA Section Annual Fall Conference

L'Auberge in Baton Rouge
October 29th and 30th, 2025

Thank You 2025 Corporate Sponsors



Become a Corporate Sponsor! The support and contributions through this program allows the Section to fund annual educational awards activities such as our [Collegiate Scholarship Program](#), and [Louisiana State Science Fair Awards](#). The Corporate Sponsor donation of \$375.00 is fully dedicated to the educational goals and programs of the Section. The annual donation allows any three employees of your company to attend meetings, workshops or conferences at discounted rates. As in the past, your company's name/logo will be listed on the newsletters, routine communications, and [website](#) of the Louisiana Section as a Corporate Sponsor. [APPLY HERE](#)

Southwest Louisiana Chapter - Second Annual Spring Conference

Katie Jorden, CITGO

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who made this year's 2025 Southwest Louisiana Spring Conference a tremendous success!

Sponsors – Your support made everything possible, and we are so grateful for your commitment to this event.

Speakers – Thank you for sharing your expertise and inspiring our attendees. Your insights were invaluable!

Vendors – We appreciate your dedication and the amazing products/services you brought to our event. You truly helped elevate the experience.

Participants – A huge thank you to everyone who attended, engaged, and made this conference such a memorable experience. Your energy and enthusiasm were contagious!



SWLA Chapter Board (L to R): Laura Bruchhaus, Katie Cantrelle Jorden, Kristopher Ackoury, Ashton Singletary, and Ronda Thibodeaux (not pictured, Camran Jones)

Finally, a special thank you to our board, for their hard work and dedication behind the scenes to ensure a successful, informative conference! Together, we created something special. Stay tuned for what's next – we can't wait to see you all again!

Upcoming Association and Section Events

SAVE THE DATES

April 4, 2025 – April 6, 2025	Leadership Training Academy	Association Training – Pittsburgh, PA
April 8, 2025 – April 9, 2025	HON Compliance Workshop	Specialty Conference – New Orleans, LA
April 23, 2025 – April 25, 2025	Air Quality Measurement Methods and Technology Conference	Specialty Conference – Aurora, CO
May 13, 2025 – May 15, 2025	Advancing PFAS Treatment and Remediation Solutions	Specialty Conference – Minneapolis, MN
May 1, 2025	LA Section Annual YP Golf Tournament	Section Event –Gonzales, LA
May 22, 2025	LA Section Lunch Meeting	Section Event – Gonzales, LA
June 9, 2025 – June 12, 2025	A&WMA 118th Annual Conference & Exhibition	ACE – Raleigh, NC
July 17, 2025	LA Section Happy Hour	Section Event - Baton Rouge, LA
October 27 – 31, 2025	Atmospheric Optics: Aerosols, Visibility, and the Radiative Balance	Specialty Conference – Lake Junaluska, NC

For a complete list of Association events and registration information, please visit the [Association's Event Calendar](#). To learn more about the Section's activities please visit the [Section website](#).

2025 Board Members

Corey Gautreaux	Chair	PPM Consultants, Inc.
Ashley Viator	Vice-Chair / LDEQ Liaison	LDEQ
Allyson Morales	Past-Chair	TotalEnergies Petrochemicals & Refining USA, Inc.
Eric Rucinski	Treasurer	Alliance Technical Group
D’Juana Beason	Secretary	Terracon Consultants
John King	Director	Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, LLC
Boyd Boswell	Director	T. Baker Smith
Karen Brignac	Director	Deltech Monomers OpCo, LLC
Jason Midgett	Association Board of Directors	Placid Refining, LLC
Camran Jones	SW Chapter Chair	Westlake Corporation

2025 Committee Members

Michael Waguespack	Awards Chair	Waldemar S. Nelson & Company
Doug Melancon	Program Chair	ExxonMobil
Tokesha Collins-Wright	Program Chair	LCA
Kelly Phillips	Facilities Chair	Vopak
Andrew Swedler	Corporate Relations Chair	ExxonMobil
Heather McCormick	Membership Committee	Linde
-Coming Soon-	YP Chair	
Blake Vincent	YP Golf Tournament Chair	CK Associates
Amanda Polito	Communications Chair	Energy Transfer Partners
Boyd Boswell	Communications Committee - Social Media Outreach	T. Baker Smith LLC
Maureen Ducote	Communications Committee - Website	LDEQ
Vacant	Education Committee	
Vacant	Newsletter Committee	

The Louisiana Section is one of nearly 140 geographical member units of the Air & Waste Management Association. As such, we plan, organize and present activities that focus on local and regional environmental issues. This includes holding luncheon and dinner meetings, technical seminars, annual conferences, workshops, continuing education courses, and social outings. We publish a newsletter, launch outreach activities and provide funds for scholarships. For more information about the A&WMA, [visit the A&WMA website.](#)