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Message from the Chair

Corey Gautreaux, PPM Consultants, Inc.

I hope everyone had a safe and fun-filled summer! Whether it was a family vacation, a few days at the beach, or just surviving another Louisiana heat wave, I hope you found some time to rest and recharge. I don't know about you, but I am more than ready for the cooler fall days ahead, and with fall comes one of my favorite times of year: football season. Although my LSU Tigers fell short in Oxford, I was glad to see them get back on track against Texas A&M. Geaux Tigers!

Speaking of football, I encourage everyone to join us for our A&WMA YP Tailgate before the Mississippi State game. Our Young Professionals continue to bring energy and excitement to the Section, and there is no better way to network than over good food and good company on a Saturday in Baton Rouge. Registration is open on our website (www.la-awma.org), and I hope to see many of you there.

As this will be my final Letter from the Chair, I'd like to take a moment to say thank you. To our Board Members, committee chairs, volunteers, sponsors, and members, thank you for a wonderful two years. Please know that all your hard work did not go unnoticed and has been gratefully appreciated, even if I failed to mention it as often as I should have. I am truly humbled to have been nominated and chosen to serve as Chair of this Association. When I first took on this role, I hoped to give something back to the Section, but I have learned that this Association has given me far more than I could ever give it.

Over the past two years, I have watched this Section continue to grow and thrive because of the people who support it. Thank you to everyone who helped make our lunch and dinner meetings, the YP Golf Tournament, and our Annual Conference such great successes. From sponsors and vendors, to speakers and volunteers, to everyone who simply showed up, each of you played a part, and I am grateful for every contribution.

I encourage everyone to attend this year's conference at L'Auberge in Baton Rouge on October 28th and 29th. The planning committee has been hard at work behind the scenes putting together a program that everyone should find informative and engaging. Whether you come for the technical sessions, the networking, or to catch

up with old friends, I promise it will be time well spent. Registration and program details can be found on our website, and a preliminary program should have already hit your inboxes.

In closing, I want to be clear that this isn't goodbye. I will still be around to help in any way I can, and I look forward to seeing all of you at future meetings and events. I would also like to extend my very best wishes to Ashley Viator as she takes the reins as Chair. The Section is in great hands, and I can't wait to see what the future holds. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. Cheers to a safe and happy fall!



YP – LSU Tailgate

From Tristan Collins, AmSpec Group, Inc.

The previously announced YP tailgate for the LSU vs. McNeese game has been rescheduled due to inclement weather. Instead, the Tigers will be taking on Mississippi State, and the AWMA Young Professionals are getting together to enjoy the game-day atmosphere! Join us for an afternoon of food, drinks, football, and networking with fellow AWMA Young Professionals. Cheer on the Tigers, meet other professionals from across the region, and enjoy a classic Louisiana tailgate before LSU takes on Mississippi State!



When: October 17th, 2026

Time is TBA, so be on the lookout for email updates!

Where: Northside of LSU-Patrick F. Taylor Hall

Registration is limited to 35 attendees, so be sure to reserve your spot!

BYOB: Attendees (21+) are welcome to bring their own alcoholic beverages for personal consumption

Hope to see y'all there! [Register Here!](#)



New Source Review (NSR) Workshop

From the Association website: www.awma.org

Based on the best-selling A&WMA NSR Manual, this Workshop will provide attendees with a working knowledge and understanding of New Source Review rules and how to apply them in different situations. This 2-day workshop is ideal for industry, attorneys, state and local permit writers, and consultants. The Workshop will cover any changes to the requirements from the new Administration and provide an overview of additional updates coming in the future and what they mean for the NSR regulations. For more details on the program agenda and instructors, [click here!](#)



New Source Review (NSR) Workshop

December 8 – 9, 2026 • Phoenix, AZ



Let's Get Social

From Lorenzo Reyes, LDEQ

The Louisiana Section is coming to your favorite social media platforms! Find us on LinkedIn, X, Instagram, and Facebook for real time updates on upcoming Section events, highlights, and important announcements. Scan the QR code [or Click Here](#) to follow all of our social media accounts and stay in the loop!



A&WMA LSU Student Chapter – Kicking off the Semester

From Maud Walsh, Professor for LSU School of Plant, Environmental, and Soil Sciences



The A&WMA student chapter at LSU is gearing up for the semester! Chair Gianna Chill (pictured) and Vice-Chair Liliana Hamilton of the A&WMA student chapter at LSU spoke with students at the College of Agriculture Burger Bash, a welcome event held during the first week of fall classes. The organization will have more news and updates to share in the coming months!



September Dinner Meeting Recap – The Will and The Way

LA A&WMA Chapter

Thank you to everyone who made it out to the September Dinner meeting at The Will and The Way in New Orleans! Anthony Glass and Michael Carbon gave an insightful presentation on PM2.5 Regulatory Updates and Challenges, and shared valuable consulting and air dispersion modeling expertise. Good food, good people, and even better conversation. We can't wait to connect with everyone again at all of our upcoming events!



Upcoming Association and Section Events

SAVE THE DATES

October 6, 2026	Stationary Engines: Federal Compliance Refresher and Updates Summary (Webinar)	Webinar
October 13 – 15, 2026	Guideline on Air Quality Models: From Guidance to Practice	3800 Hillsborough Road Durham, NC
October 17, 2026	YP – LSU Tailgate	LSU – Patrick F Taylor 3304 S Quad Drive Baton Rouge, LA
October 28 – 29, 2026	2026 LA Section Annual Fall Conference	L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge, LA
November 10 – 13, 2026	Atmospheric Optics: Aerosols, Visibility, and the Radiative Balance	91 North Lakeshore Drive Lake Junaluska, NC
December 2 – 3, 2026	51 st Annual Air Information Exchange	Durham, NC
December 8 – 9, 2026	NSR Workshop	100 North 1 st Street Phoenix, AZ
December 16, 2026	Changing Tides: Environmental Regulation, Administration Policy, and the Courts Pt 2 (Webinar)	Webinar

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](#).

2026 LOUISIANA SECTION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 28 – 29, 2026
L'Auberge Casino & Hotel Baton Rouge

Additional information including exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities, registration details and calls for abstract coming this summer.

Save the Date



2026 LA Section A&WMA Fall Conference News:

It's that time of year! Later this month we'll be getting together to hear from our colleagues about important topics in today's industry, network with fellow professionals, and visit with exhibitors. We have sold out of exhibit space, and in the event a booth becomes available, the space will be offered to companies on the waitlist in the order in which registration was received. There are still Day 2 Corporate Sponsorships available!

Advanced registration will close at midnight, Wednesday, October 14th, so there's still time to take advantage of discounted registration rates. Late registration will run October 15-27, 2026. Any Registrations after midnight, October 27, 2026, must be completed onsite.

The Conference Committee has been hard at work preparing for this year's conference, bringing together an exciting lineup of speakers, and creating valuable opportunities for sponsors and exhibitors to showcase their companies. Now, we invite you to join us in participating in meaningful discussions, visiting with exhibitors, and thanking our corporate sponsors for their support.

We hope you plan to join us at the 2026 Annual Conference and make it the best one yet!

For more information on the conference, including registration and hotel details please visit the [Conference Homepage](#).

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