

# The Monitor

## The Louisiana Section Newsletter



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## Message from the Chair

*Corey Gautreaux, PPM Consultants, Inc.*

I'm not sure if it's just me or what, but it seems the older I get, the faster time flies by. That could not be more true this month knowing that half of 2025 is gone. It seems like we were just arguing over when to take down the Christmas tree and now we are preparing for Independence Day and of course, our 2025 Annual Fall Conference!

Last month, many of us spent a week in Raleigh, North Carolina, attending the A&WMA Annual Conference and Exhibition (ACE). It is always a blast catching up with old faces and making new friends. ACE provides time to network while hosting some of the top professionals in our field to share knowledge and expertise across multiple disciplines. If you haven't had the opportunity to attend, I would highly suggest adding it to your 2026 calendar. Our Texas friends will be hosting ACE in Austin, Texas from June 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 24<sup>th</sup>!

2025 started off with a snowstorm for the ages, dropping 8-10 inches of powder across south Louisiana and giving us 'southerners' a taste of real snowfall. Many of us stepped away from our computers for a bit to snap some pictures and launch a few snowballs at friends and family. Not a bad way to start the new year! A few months later, we were teeing off at Pelican Point for our Annual YP Golf Tournament (thankfully in much warmer temps). I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered their time on and off the course and our many vendors/sponsors who added to the success. Thank you!!

The Louisiana Section continues to work on ways to bring us together, and you will continue to see that trend into the second half of 2025, starting with a happy hour at Rally Cap Brewery on July 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:00pm. We look forward to hosting some of LDEQ's Executive Staff and continuing to build on the partnership we have. LDEQ is a vital part of our organization and creating a neutral forum to talk with the leadership is an honor.

In addition to our July Happy Hour, we are working on a special event down in New Orleans in September! I can't let the cat out of the bag just yet as plans are being finalized, but we look forward to getting down to the Crescent City at the end of this quarter.

As I said in my opening statement, our 2025 Annual Fall Conference is just around the corner! Our planning committee is hard at work behind the scenes, so be on the lookout for communications regarding call for abstracts, sponsorships, and vendor registration in the coming months. This event continues its success because of the hard working volunteers and I can't say thank you enough to everyone involved.

Finally, for those that know me, know that I wouldn't miss my opportunity to congratulate the LSU Tigers on their 8<sup>th</sup> National Championship in collegiate baseball! Coach Jay Johnson guided the Tigers to a 53-15 overall record, undefeated in Omaha, winners of their final 8 games, and their second title in three years. Coach Johnson continues to show that the sky is the limit with the right leader in place. Congratulations, Tigers!

If you are interested in getting involved or have any feedback you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to reach out. Cheers to a healthy and safe summer!

## New Source Review (NSR) Workshop

from the Association website: [www.awma.org](http://www.awma.org)

Learn the Application of PSD Rules, New Sources, and Nonattainment Area NSR. 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.

November 12-13, 2025 at the Steel Plaza Conference Center. [A&WMA NSR Workshop](#)

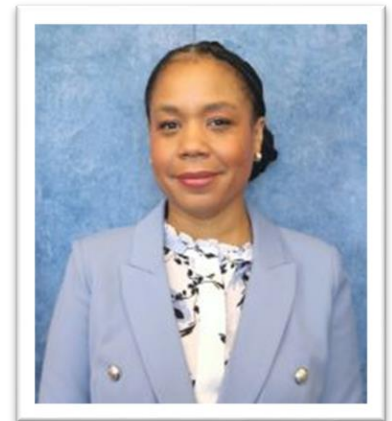


The banner features a 3D Rubik's cube on the left with various environmental icons on its faces. To the right, the text reads "New Source Review (NSR) Workshop" in a large, bold, red font. Below this, in a smaller black font, it says "November 12 - 13, 2025 • Pittsburgh, PA". On the far right is the logo for the Air & Waste Management Association, which consists of a stylized globe icon and the text "AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION".

## LDEQ Secretary

from LDEQ website: [www.ldeq.gov](http://www.ldeq.gov)

Governor Jeff Landry named Courtney Burdette Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality on May 2, 2025. Burdette is a veteran attorney with years of experience at LDEQ in environmental law. She first began work in the LDEQ legal division in 2014 and served as general counsel for the agency from 2020, the first black woman to hold that job. She said she looks forward to the challenge of running LDEQ. "There is that saying 'good enough for government work.' I don't believe in that. I believe in good work regardless of where you work or who you work for. I think we should always hold ourselves to the highest standards possible."



## Understanding Member Benefits

Jennifer Tullier, Spirit Environmental

Did you know that with your Association (and therefore Section) membership, all members receive special member pricing for Section and Association events? As required by the Association's Manual of Operations, members receive a 25% cost savings on all events (webinars, conferences, local meetings, etc.).

Another benefit of membership? If you are traveling and would like to participate in another Section or Chapter's event while in that location, you can still take advantage of the member price savings to attend their events. For a list of Section/Chapter events across the Association please visit the [Association's Local Events website](#).

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

# 2025 Annual Conference & Exhibition

from Lorenzo Reyes, LDEQ



LSU Geaux Green Consulting Team (L to R): Madison Woodson, Dr. Maud Walsh, Keana Howard, and Tayla Anderson.

Congratulations to our LSU Student Chapter members who traveled to Raleigh, North Carolina and competed in the 2025 Environmental Competition International (ECi), taking home 3<sup>rd</sup> place!

This year's problem required teams to propose a plan for North Carolina's public drinking water utilities to comply with EPA's Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) Maximum Containment Levels (MCLs) by 2029, including recommendations for treatment technologies, preferred waste disposal methods, waste stream projections, and more.

The Louisiana Section is proud to support our students and fully fund their participation at this year's Annual Conference!



## LA – Section 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

Courtney Tolbert, LDEQ

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Louisiana Section Young Professionals Group (YPs) hosted the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at the Pelican Point Golf Course.

Sponsors – Thank you! Your support made everything possible, and we are so grateful for your support.

Participants – A huge thank you to everyone who attended, engaged, and made this golf tournament such a memorable experience.

Finally, a special thank you to our volunteers, for their hard work and dedication behind the scenes to ensure a successful golf tournament!





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