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2006 FALL CONFERENCE

In what has become an annual tradition, the A&WMA Louisiana Section, in cooperation with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), sponsored the Fall Conference on November 14 & 15. Over 285 regulators, students, industry staff and consultants attended the conference.

Section Chair Bliss Higgins opened the conference and then introduced Dr. Mike McDaniel, Secretary of the LDEQ. Dr. McDaniel summarized the departments' activities in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and discussed

gether, helped our families, friends, and strangers, and set about the business of response and recovery in the manner of objective, thoughtful and compassionate professional scientists and engineers.

For the Section, the last two years have seen continued growth and new achievements that include: 1st Place recipient of the 2004 Minasian Award, the highest recognition offered to an A&WMA Section; new faces on the board and committees bringing new ideas and activities; positive changes and growth for our bi-monthly dinner meetings; successful local conferences; an active Section website; hosting the Annual Conference and Exhibition; and growth and expansion of our scholarship and education support activities.

I look forward to continuing my long-term involvement with the Section in the future.

I hope this season finds you all well and in good spirits. Happy holidays to all.

Bliss M. Higgins
Section Chair



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Louisiana Section Chair

ongoing priorities. Dr. Hal Leggett and Dr. Chuck Brown reviewed LDEQ's priorities for enforcement and permitting in the coming year. The morning ended with a joint presentation by the Louisiana Chemical Association and Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas detailing lessons learned from the hurricanes. As our lunch speaker, Andy Koplin with the Louisiana Recovery Authority discussed the work being done to help citizens affected by the hurricanes return their lives to normal.

Tuesday afternoon featured a panel presentation on Commu-

nity-Industry Relations in Louisiana. Presenters from various parts of the state and different industries discussed their recent experiences. We were also fortunate to have Mr. Jonathan Hooks with EPA Region VI and Kim Gallo from LDEQ to present the regulators view of the process. The afternoon finished with presentations on MACT Residual Risk. Mr. Dane Revette with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development spoke at the dinner meeting on current Economic Development Priorities.

On Wednesday, attendees had

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COURT REMANDS OZONE RULE

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit Court ruled that EPA "failed to heed the restrictions" in the Clean Air Act when it promulgated the Phase 1 8-Hour Ozone Implementation Rule ("Phase 1 Rule") and, accordingly, vacated the rule and remanded the matter to EPA for further proceedings.

Several states, localities and environmental and industry groups filed challenges to EPA's Phase 1 Rule. With regard to the classification scheme in the Phase 1 Rule, several states and environmental groups challenged EPA's decision to

place 8-hour ozone non-attainment areas under Title I, Part D, Subpart 1 of the Clean Air Act, the general provisions governing non-attainment areas, rather than under Subpart 2, the specific provisions governing these areas.

The Court noted that under the old one-hour ozone standard, any area registering 0.121 parts per million (ppm) would be subject to Subpart 2, and EPA stated that this is equivalent, in terms of protection of public health, of a reading of 0.09 ppm of 8-hour ozone. Accordingly, "any area failing to

achieve the equivalent of Congress's chosen level of public health must be covered by Congress's chosen prophylactic scheme." Therefore, according to the decision, the Phase 1 Rule violates the Clean Air Act "insofar as it subjects areas with eight hour ozone exceeding 0.09 ppm to Subpart 1." With respect to areas with 8-hour ozone readings between 0.08 and 0.09 ppm, the court said EPA did not resolve the gap created in the Act reasonably, because the agency interpreted the Act "in a manner to maximize its own discretion."

Several states and environmental groups also challenged the anti-backsliding provisions of the rule; in particular, EPA's treatment of

New Source Review (NSR), section 185 penalties, contingency plans and motor vehicle conformity demonstrations.

The Court concluded that withdrawing any of these measures from a SIP "would constitute impermissible backsliding." Ohio had filed a petition stating that the attainment dates for the 8-hour ozone standard were unreasonable; the court rejected this petition because Ohio failed to raise these arguments during the period of public comment. The court also rejected petitions filed by the National Petrochemical & Refiners Association (challenging the conversion of the 1-hour to 8-hour ozone table) and by Baton Rouge (contending that EPA lacks authority to continue to enforce 1-hour ozone requirements against areas with lower 8-hour ozone classifications).

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IMPORTANT DATES

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| January 1-2 | - New Year's Holiday (State Offices Closed) |
| January 15 | - Dr. Martin Luther King Day (State Offices Closed) |
| January 18 | - Section Dinner Meeting at Andrea's Restaurant, Metairie LA |
| January 24 | - Public Hearing on DEQ Rules AQ-256, AQ-271, HW-092, & SW-037 |
| January 24-26 | - Statewide Clean Cities Coalition Workshop, New Orleans, Astor Crowne Plaza. Sponsored by Department of Natural Resources |
| February 15 | - Southwest Chapter Lunch Meeting at Reeves Uptown Catering, 1639 Ryan Street, Lake Charles |
| February 20 | - Mardi Gras Day (State Offices Closed) |
| March 31 | - Emissions Inventory Facility Totals and Certification Statements Due |
| April 2007 | - Emissions Inventory System user training - Sessions in Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Alexandria, Lake Charles. Dates and locations to be announced! |
| June 26-29 | 100th Annual Conference & Exhibition in Pittsburgh, PA |
| July 1 | - Emissions Inventory point level data, updated totals and Certification Statements due in new DEQ Emissions Inventory system |

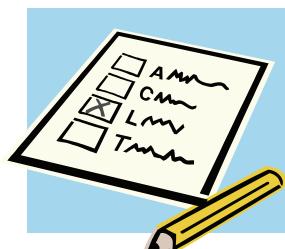
ELECTION RESULTS

The Louisiana Section recently accepted nominations for the positions of Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Director (3 year term).

The Vice-Chair serves a two year term and is responsible for assuming the duties of the Chair when needed. Michael Vince was elected to this position.

The Treasurer serves a two year term and is responsible for the monies and fi-

nancial reports of the Section. Karen Brignac was elected to this position.



Directors serve staggered three year terms. Diane Leche was elected to fill the position previously held by Mike McDaniel.

As a result of the elections, several additional spaces on the Board became available. The Board then made appointments based upon recommendations of the Nominating Committee. The Director position vacated by Michael Vince (2 years remain-

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a choice of attending a multi-media program or an air program (and many moved between the two). The multi-media sessions included topics on mercury issues, the Calcasieu Estuary Remediation Plan, Biosolids, the state's 316(b) program, SPCC plans and an update on TMDL's. Afternoon topics

included the TSCA Inventory Update Rule, an overview of the Mobile Air Monitoring Lab, two presentations on use of infrared cameras to find leaks and a discussion of the EIS system updates. The air side focused on presentations from LDEQ on permitting mechanisms, PM NAAQS, CAIR/CAMR/BART, and lessons learned in Region IV with BART modeling. The

conference finished with presentations on air toxics, implementation of the MON, new stationary RICE rules, and the old standby, NSR Reform.

A special thanks goes out to the conference planning committee especially Cheryl Nolan for finding so many wonderful LDEQ contributors; Julie Roussel and Daniel Wolf

for managing the abstract process; Jennifer Albert for putting the books together and managing the facilities, and Carol Murphy for handling all the registration.

Thanks to all who attended. We look forward to another wonderful conference in 2007 - be sure to watch for notices and save the date!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

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| Lorraine Anderson | Shell Chemical Company |
| Christopher Carville | Member |
| Ryan Cole | Marathon Petroleum Company |
| Bill Greenwich | C-K Associates |
| Rory Hebert | Enterprise Products |
| Stephanie Kinning | Comm Engineering |
| Alan Mayfield | Shell Chemical Company |
| Shane Sandefer | Kean-Miller |
| Jeff Schweitzer | Member |

LSU STUDENT CHAPTER NEWS

The AWMA Student Chapter at LSU would like to thank all companies that sponsored students to attend the Environmental Focus 2006 Annual Conference. The Chapter would also like to thank everyone for being so welcoming to the students.

The Chapter looks forward to attending more Section

events in the future. Please contact Benjamin Aucoin by phone at (225) 252-7360 or by e-mail at baucoi5@lsu.edu for more information about the Chapter and meeting schedule.



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JANUARY DINNER MEETING

The January dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at Andrea's Restaurant in Metairie, LA. The meeting will begin with a social hour from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, and dinner will begin at 6:30.

Mr. Gerald Duszynski, Acting Assistant Secretary, DNR Office of Conservation is the featured speaker for this meeting.

Mr. Duszynski will speak on recent changes and future plans for the Coastal Restoration Pro-

grams in 2007 and beyond.

Questions about the January Dinner Meeting or the menu? Contact Katie Ricks by email at rickskr@airproducts.com, by phone at (504)390-0227. See the registration form on Page 6!

EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND STUDENT CHAPTERS

If you are interested in volunteering some time to speak with our student chapters about their future career in the environmental industry, they would LOVE to hear from you!!!

The Education Committee is also interested in soliciting your assistance with the student

chapters in the following areas:

1. Planning educational meetings for the LSU students, both within and outside the campus (ideas include tours of nearby facilities, discussions with regulators, industry representatives, etc regarding career opportunities, and assistance with community service

projects).

2. Development of New Orleans chapters at Tulane University and the University of New Orleans.

Please contact either Raquel Murphy (rmurphy@us-risk.com) or Beth Hughes (beth.hughes@c-ka.com) for more details.



AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
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Louisiana Section

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| Treasurer – Sharon Duke | 504-472-9993 | Awards Chair – Michael Waquespack | 504-207-7340 |
| Secretary – Julie Roussel | 225-562-2707 | Education Committee Co-Chairs – Raquel Murphy | 504-561-6639 |
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| Director (2006) – Mike D. McDaniel | 225-219-3950 | Electronic Communications / Website Chair – Diane Leche | 225-977-1549 |
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| Speaker Chair – Kelly Young | 225-408-2746 | | |

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**Ring in the NEW YEAR with the
Air and Waste Management Association's
January Dinner Meeting**

At

Andrea's

**3100 19th St
Metairie, LA 70002**

Date: Thursday January 18th

Time: Social begins at 5:30, Dinner Served at 6:30

**Speaker, Gerald M. Duszynski, Acting Assistant Secretary
Office of Coastal Restoration and Management**

Mr. Duszynski will speak on recent changes and future plans for the Coastal Restoration Programs in 2007 and beyond.

Reservations: Please EMAIL Katie Ricks at rickskr@airproducts.com, fax this form to 610-706-5824 or call Katie at (504-254-6202) for reservations by **Monday January 15th at NOON**. **Full name, company, and credit card information must be provided and is the only way to secure a reservation. Your credit card will be used only as a guarantee and will not be charged until January 18th..** You may still pay by company check or personal check at the meeting but, if you do not attend, your credit card will be charged for the number of people for which you made a reservation.

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