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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The New Year is in swing and we are already juggling a full schedule. Join us for the January Dinner Meeting at Andrea's on Thursday, January 19 to hear Ms. Marnie Winter, Director of Environmental Affairs, give her perspective on the environmental and waste issues facing Jefferson Parish in 2006. And be sure to mark the dates of the Annual Conference and Exhibit in New Orleans on your 2006 calendar – that's June 20 – 23! Remember, this will be one of the first major conferences in New Orleans post-Katrina, and we are pleased to be able to contribute in this way to the rejuvenation of the Gulf Coast.

We had a great turnout for the annual fall conference. Much thanks to all of the fine speakers and to the conference planning committee co chairs, **Kelly Young** and **Raymond Allen**, for their contributions in making the conference a success. Special thanks as well to the **Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality** for providing good speakers and supporting the conference.

The results of our annual elections are in, and I am pleased to welcome **Michael Vince** as a new Section Director and **Julie Roussel** as our new Section Secretary. Please be sure to congratulate these folks next

time you see them.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the January Dinner Meeting.



Bliss M. Higgins
Louisiana Section Chair

ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS 2005 - ANOTHER LOUISIANA SECTION HIGHPOINT!

The Louisiana Section Fall Conference – Environmental Focus 2005 is now in the distant past! On behalf of the Air & Waste Management Association, we would like to sincerely thank everyone for their participation in the conference on November 1 & 2, 2005 – both speakers and attendees. Most of all, we would like to thank the entire conference planning committee, all volunteers, who worked tirelessly and some behind the scenes to make this two-day event happen. Many of the members were faced with personal and professional challenges resulting from the devastating impacts to our region last fall yet they were dedicated

to continuing the investment of time and effort to put forth an outstanding conference.

We received a lot of feedback both during the conference and since, which was very complimentary and positive. There were a few logistics issues that we had to overcome, but with everyone's patience and understanding we were able to work them out on the spot – thanks especially to Carol Murphy and Sharon Duke!

As a nonprofit, nonpartisan professional organization that enhances knowledge and expertise by providing a neutral forum for technology exchange, public education, and outreach to our

membership, we strive to have a "fair and balanced" approach to our topics and speaker selection. In addition to presentations by invited speakers, the program was further enhanced by a call for abstracts. We also had a variety of interesting speakers for lunch and dinner where we experienced first hand the post-hurricane issues being faced by government and industry. The pictures and information shared by our guest speakers demonstrated how one day can dramatically impact environmental policies and regulations. We were all humbled by the experiences shared and gained an appreciation of the

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challenges being faced by industry and government in the wake of these disasters and subsequent recovery efforts.

We enjoyed being your Conference Chairs this year and appreciated the opportunity to serve you. As the Board begins planning for next year, any additional feedback on this year's conference or ways to improve for next year would be appreciated. We are always inter-

ested in your input. Please feel free to e-mail us at: kyoung@environcorp.com or Raymond.allen@erm.com with any suggestions.

And don't forget that New Orleans will be the site for the A&WMA's Annual Conference and Exhibition in June 2006. This year's theme is appropriately named "Healthy Environments—Rebirth & Renewal." This event will attract thousands of attendees and hundreds

of exhibitors internationally. The Local Host Committee that is made up of our own membership is working hard to ensure that the conference is successful. There will be many opportunities for our Section membership to participate in this exciting event. Mark your calendars!

**Kelly A. Young
Raymond Allen**



JANUARY DINNER MEETING

The first dinner meeting for 2006 will be held on January 19th at Andrea's Restaurant in Metairie. The meeting will begin with a social hour from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm.

The dinner speaker will be Ms. Marnie Winter, Director of Environmental Affairs for Jefferson Parish.

The topic of Ms. Winter's

presentation will center on the issues faced by Jefferson Parish with regard to debris and waste management resulting from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Ms. Winter will talk about the path forward relative to these and other environmental issues that are facing the parish in 2006.

Questions about the Dinner Meeting or the menu? Contact Katie Ricks by email

at rickskr@airproducts.com, by phone at (504)390-0227 or you can fax her your registration form to (610) 706-5824.

See Page 8 for a copy of the January 19th Dinner Meeting Registration Form!



**Dinner Meeting
Registration**

- \$30 for Member/
Corporate
sponsor
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member
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Student
- \$40 At the door

LOUISIANA SECTION ELECTION RESULTS



The Louisiana Section is proud to present the results of the December, 2005 elections for the Secretary and Director positions on the board.

Our new Secretary is Julie Roussel, who is an Environmental Compliance Specialist

with Cytec Industries. Julie has been active in the Air & Waste Management Association's Louisiana Section Board as Chair of the Newsletter Committee from 2002 until 2005. Julie has also served the Louisiana Section by participating in various Section activities such as judging the Louisiana Middle and High School State Science Fair for several years; Teacher Training workshops; Fall Conference Committee, Session Chair; Adopt-A-School judging; and facilitating tasks with other Board Members.

For the first time ever, the election for Director position resulted in a tie between Michael Vince and Diane Leche. Both Diane and Michael have been valuable volunteers in the Louisiana Chapter. After searching the bylaws, seeking advice from International Headquarters, and finding no rules to break a tie, a coin toss was suggested and accepted by both candidates as a fair means to decide who would be the new Director.

Diane chose heads, the toss was made and tails won. Congratulations to Michael. Michael Vince has served as DEQ Liaison for the Louisiana Chapter and has recently accepted the position as Newsletter Chair. Michael is also Vice-Chair for the 2006 ACE Conference coming up in New Orleans. Currently, Michael is working in the DEQ Air Quality Assessment Division as a Senior Scientist.



Cindy Thompson

INSIDE THE CLEAN AIR INTERSTATE RULE (CAIR)

The Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) was proposed as the Interstate Air Quality Rule by EPA in January 2004 with a supplemental proposal in June 2004. CAIR became final when it was signed in March 10, 2005. EPA proposed changes to the final rule on August 1, 2005. On November 22, 2005, EPA agreed to reconsider certain portions of the final CAIR rule.

The purpose of CAIR is to permanently cap emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x) in 28 eastern states (including Louisiana) and the District of Columbia. Louisiana has a state budget for annual NO_x, ozone season NO_x and SO₂ that is part of the final CAIR rule. SO₂ and NO_x contribute to the formation of fine particles and NO_x contributes to the formation of ground level ozone. Fine particles and ozone are associated with thousands of premature deaths and illnesses each year. Additionally, these pollutants reduce visibility and damage sensitive ecosystems. When fully implemented, CAIR will reduce SO₂ emissions in these states by over 70 percent and NO_x emissions by over 60 percent from 2003 levels.

To achieve compliance with their budget limits, States may use one of three options.

Option 1: Adopt the Federal Model Rule

States may comply with the Annual EGU NO_x Budgets (annual and ozone season) and the Annual EGU SO₂ Budget by requiring power plants (including subject co-generation units) to participate in an EPA administered interstate cap and trade sys-

tem that caps emissions in two stages. The aforementioned budgets are stated in CAIR and the state is responsible for allocating the NO_x budget allowances to subject units. In the final CAIR EPA proposed a model rule for implementation of the cap and trade system. The cap and trade system proposed was based on the successful Acid Rain Program's cap and trade system. In the federal rule, the states do have some flexibility to determine how allowances can be allocated.

Option 2: Develop a State Plan

States comply with the EGU NO_x Budgets (annual and ozone season) and the Annual EGU SO₂ Budget through measures of the state's choosing. Under this option the EPA does not offer any guidance and the state also bears the burden of demonstrating equivalency with the final CAIR rule.

Option 3: Allow EPA to issue a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP)

States can opt not to submit a State Implementation Plan (SIP) and allow the FIP to be activated. The FIP was proposed on August 1, 2005, but has not been finalized.

The CAIR rule requires that the SIP be submitted by September 11, 2006. The CAIR model rule requires that NO_x allocations for 2009-2014 be submitted by October 31, 2006. As part of the effort to meet those deadlines, the Department of Environmental Quality (the Department) assembled a stakeholders group which included representatives from the Public Service Commission (PSC),

the environmental community, legislature, energy production, oil and gas production, chemical industry, the LSU Center for Energy Studies, and the Department's permitting, enforcement, engineering, and planning sections. The group has met twice to discuss the rule and its implementation. The stakeholders have agreed that adopting the CAIR SO₂ model rule would be the best option. The CAIR SO₂ model rule mirrors the Acid Rain Program and all CAIR SO₂ allowance allocations have already been made under the Acid Rain Program. Since the majority of units subject to CAIR are also Acid Rain units, the compliance with CAIR would be simplified by adopting the Federal Rule.

The stakeholders and the Department are still discussing the best approach to CAIR NO_x allocations. Another stakeholders meeting will be held after the first of the year. The Department hopes to reach a decision on the method of allocating NO_x allowances soon after that meeting.

As part of its effort to implement CAIR, the Department has attempted to identify all units subject to CAIR. The Department has reviewed data from TEMPO (Department's database), the Department of Energy, the National Electric Energy System Database (NEEDS 2000, 2003, and 2004), and the Acid Rain Program. The resulting list was revised/updated based on the response of the members of the CAIR stakeholder group. The facilities remaining on the list were contacted by the Department to confirm the status of potentially subject

units. In January this list will be placed on the Department's website for review. The Department encourages all facilities with units that meet the definitions in CAIR of subject unit to review the final list of subject units and ensure their unit(s) has been included. Only units on this list will receive NO_x allocations.

Once the state makes allowance allocations, EPA's Clean Air Markets Division (www.epa.gov/airmarkets/) will manage the cap and trade system in a fashion similar to the Acid Rain Program. Actual emissions from subject units will be monitored per 40 CFR Part 75 and the results reported to EPA. EPA will also be responsible for the deduction of credits and handling situations of excess emissions from covered units.

The Department is on track to complete all necessary rulemaking and plans to submit the CAIR SIP on time. Further information regarding the proposed changes to the final CAIR rule and the items under reconsideration can be found at:

<http://www.epa.gov/cair/rule.html>.

A copy of the final CAIR rule and its preamble may also be found at:

<http://www.epa.gov/cair/>.

Darlene Doshier-Collard

Darlene is an Environmental Scientist Supervisor in the Planning Group of DEQ's Air Quality Assessment Division.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Welcome to new members that signed up at the fall conference:

Robert Berg	ExxonMobil Corporation	John Martinez	Shell Chemical Company
Kevin Boudreaux	Mechanical Equipment Inc.	Anica McAdams	Conestoga-Rovers & Associates
Lindee Brassieur	PPG Industries, Inc.	Douglas Melancon	Rhodia
Jerry Brouillette	Shell Chemical Company	Amy Parson	PPM Consultants, Inc.
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Andrew Fisher	ExxonMobil Corporation	Kirtland Wilkes	DuPont
David Goldsmith	Georgia Gulf Chemical & Vinyls, LLC		

LSU STUDENT CHAPTER MEETING

On November 22, 2005, a A&WMA Student Chapter meeting was held by the LSU Student Chapter of A&WMA. Mark Ezell of C-K Associates, LLC was the guest speaker who spoke on C-K's role in the environmental recovery efforts in New Orleans as a result of Hurricane Katrina. There were approximately eight students attending the meeting along with Maud Walsh, LSU Assistant Professor and Advisor for the

A&WMA Student Chapter. Pamela Netterville, present Chair of the Student Chapter, began the meeting with an introduction to the A&WMA and the role of the Student Chapter. After the presentation by Mr. Ezell, elections were held for a new A&WMA Student Board. Michael Oubre will take the position of Chair for the coming spring semester. Michael is excited about an active and produc-

tive year for the Student Chapter. The newly elected Vice-Chair is Robert Steffes and the treasurer is Paul Guillory. It was a good meeting, as all attendees showed interest in the presentation and the organization with questions asked and input given. Pizza was served compliments of A&WMA and Papa Johns.

Beth Hughes



LSU Student Chapter Meeting

The 2006 DEQ Conference has been cancelled due to budgetary reasons. It is scheduled to return for 2007!

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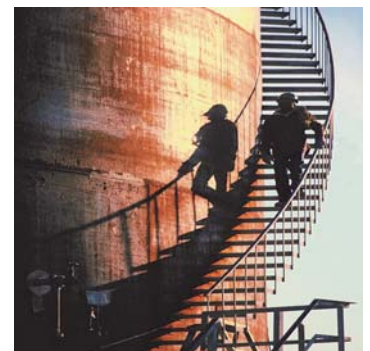
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2006 ANNUAL EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE

As was reported in the last issue of **The Monitor**, the Board of Directors of the Air & Waste Management Association voted on November 4, 2005 to continue the Association's plans to hold its 99th Annual Conference and Exhibition (ACE) in New Orleans in June 2006. In doing so, the A&WMA was one of the first major groups to make the difficult decision to continue its plans to hold a meeting in New Orleans in the early stages of the Rebirth of New Orleans. This decision was acknowledged in the media by the City of New Orleans and the Metropolitan New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau. Immediately following the Board's decision, and despite personal losses suffered by many of its members, the New Orleans Local Host Committee (LHC) went back to work at a furious pace holding its first official meeting since the August and September hurricanes on November 16, 2005. By the time the LHC held its next meeting on December 7, 2005, the fruits of its hard work were evident with almost all of the pieces of the local program being in place.

Cindy Thompson and Karen Brignac have developed a comprehensive Student Program, including a Teacher Training Workshop. Kelly Young and Carolee Laffoon have developed an excellent Outreach Program, including plans for a Silent Auction, which has been a hit at the last several ACEs. Michael Waguespack and Valerie Mayhall, with the assistance of A&WMA President Peter Hess, have been very successful in generating

sponsorship for the meeting. Beth Palermo and Betty Dowling have put together an awesome Social Program, including a New Orleans City Tour, a New Orleans Cooking Demonstration and both Plantation and Swamp Tours. Henry Graham and Barrett Cieutat have put together an impressive array of Technical Tours, including the Shell/Motiva Norco Refinery Complex, NASA, Folgers Coffee, Cytec and a special tour hosted by LDEQ highlighting recovery efforts.

Karen Fisher-Brasher and Raquel Murphy will be soon seeking volunteers and room monitors to assist with the Conference. Look for more details associated with this very important need in the next issue of **The Monitor**. Jim Harris and Kyle Beall have been working with A&WMA Headquarters staff to begin the public relations campaign for the Conference, with the initial press releases taking place in December. Ed Lee and Greg Johnson have finalized the plans for the Golf Tournament, which will be held the Monday immediately preceding the Conference at the Links of Stonebridge and will benefit the A&WMA Scholarship Fund. Sharon Duke and Katie Ricks will be looking for ideas for the New Orleans Local Host Booth for the Conference. Karla Swacker is beginning the development of the Conference's Environmentally Friendly program and Kelly Bradberry will begin planning for Entertainment and Décor. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to these committee chairs and to Michael Vince, my Vice-Chair, for all of the tireless effort

they have expended over the past short months to get us back on-track with developing the local program for the Conference.

While our LHC was developing the local program, Andy Lavin, our Technical Program Vice-Chair, along with the leadership of the Technical Council have been doing an outstanding job in developing the technical program for the Conference. The Call for Papers for the Conference was announced in late July. Shortly after Hurricane Katrina hit southeast Louisiana, the submittal of abstracts for the Conference almost ground to a halt. After the announcement of the Board vote on November 4, 2005; however, the pace of abstract submittal increased dramatically and a full and outstanding technical program has now been developed for the Conference. In keeping with the Association's mission and its commitment to the rebuilding of the area, three special panel sessions devoted to hurricane associated issues are being included in the program. These sessions are currently being developed. If you have any ideas for these sessions or would like to participate in them, please contact me or Andy Lavin as soon as possible as we would like to complete the program over the next several weeks. Be on the lookout for the Conference Preliminary Program, which will be arriving in your mail in late February or early March. It will have full details and registration information for the Conference. In addition, the Annual Conference link on the Air &

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Morial Convention Center.
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2006 AEC in New Orleans cited as a "unique and unparalleled opportunity for a first-rate program closely tied to A&WMA's mission"



French Quarter Balcony

A&WMA 2006 ACE SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year's edition of the A&WMA Scholarship Open will be held at **The Links at Stonebridge Golf Club** located in Gretna, Louisiana on Monday, June 19, 2006.

Only seven miles from downtown New Orleans and the Convention Center, The Links at Stonebridge is the only true links-style course in the greater New Orleans area, featuring 27 championship holes, with each nine named after Jazz Greats Louis Armstrong, Pete Fountain, and Al Hirt. The Links also boasts 28 ponds and lakes, which only come into play on errant shots. Having only two forced carries over the 27 holes makes this course unique. The golf course is in great condition and did not suffer any significant damages from Hurricane Katrina. For more information about the course, go

to its website: www.linksatstonebridge.com

Transportation departs from the Morial Convention Center at 11:00 a.m. Registration will follow and the shotgun start will be at 1:00 p.m. A boxed lunch will be provided. A dinner with Louisiana cuisine will be served following tournament play and an awards ceremony will be held during dinner. Buses will take participants back to convention center following the dinner and awards ceremony.

The registration fee is only \$100 per golfer and includes a boxed lunch, greens fees, GPS-equipped golf cart rental, range balls, catered dinner and awards ceremony, and an assortment of team/skill/door prizes. The conference registration materials will provide more information

on how to register for the golf tournament, so be on the lookout for the preliminary conference program. It should be reaching you in late February. And, keep checking the Annual Conference link on the A&WMA website!

If you would like to be paired with certain persons,

arrange to rent golf clubs, are interested in sponsorship opportunities, or simply have other questions, please contact Ed Lee at (504) 454-3814 (elee@environe.com) or Greg Johnson at (504)556-4115 (gjohnson@liskow.com).

Greg Johnson



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Want to work on The Monitor? Do you have constructive editorial critiques? Want an article addressing a specific topic? Want to include items on the Calendar? Send your E-mail

to: Michael.vince@la.gov or call him at 225-219-3485, and he'll work to see if we might be able to accommodate your request in a future edition!

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2006 Annual Conference and Exhibition

Local Host Committee Meeting Dates:

- February 15, 2006
- March 15, 2006
- April 12, 2006
- May 17, 2006

Call Bill Palermo to verify each meeting location!

ACE 2006 - LOOKING FOR DONATIONS FOR SILENT AUCTION

Make a contribution to the future while mingling with colleagues at the Grand Reception at this year's 99th Annual Conference & Exhibition to be held in New Orleans, LA. You can help support burgeoning environmental leaders and scientists by either *donating or bidding* on an item to be included in the Silent Auction. The Auction is held on the opening night of the Conference. All proceeds directly benefit the A&WMA Scholarship Endowment Trust Fund.

If you are interested in donating an item to be included in the Silent Auction this year, please contact Christi Veleta (A&WMA Education Council) at phone: 904-630-3692, or e-mail Christi at: veleta@coj.net. You can also contact LA Section Member Kelly Young at 225-408-2696 or via email at: kyoung@environcorp.com.

Suggested donations include gift certificates, art, frequent flyer miles, theater tickets, tours, collectibles,

sports tickets, local entertainment memorabilia and passes and anything that truly reflects the culture of Louisiana!



IMPORTANT DATES

- January 19, 2006 - Louisiana Section Dinner Meeting— Andrea's Restaurant - Metairie
- January 19 - El/TEDI Reporting Training — Sulphur, LA
- January 27— El/TEDI Reporting Training —DEQ Headquarters BR
- February 2— El/TEDI Reporting Training — DEQ Headquarters BR
- February 16-17—City of Alexandria Environmental Conference
- February 28—Mardi Gras (State Holiday)
- March 16, 2006—Louisiana Section Dinner Meeting—Baton Rouge/Gonzales Area
- March 22-24 — **CANCELLED** DEQ Environmental Conference— Lafayette
- April 2—Daylight Savings Time Begins (Set your clock forward 1 hour)
- May 18, 2006—Louisiana Section Dinner Meeting—New Orleans Area
- June 19, 2006—A&WMA Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament—Gretna, LA
- June 20-23— A&WMA Annual Conference and Exhibition—New Orleans
- July 20, 2006—Louisiana Section Dinner Meeting—New Orleans Area

LOUISIANA SECTION - AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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2006 ANNUAL EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE

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Waste Management website will be continually updated with information pertaining to the ACE as it becomes available over the coming weeks and months.

Again, my sincere thanks to everyone on the LHC for the

work they have accomplished in these most trying times as we endeavor to bring one of the best A&WMA Annual Conference and Exhibitions to our area. Now is the time to begin making your plans to attend and take part in the 2006 ACE in New Orleans,

June 20-23, 2006.

Bill Palermo



Stay Tuned for Louisiana Section on the Web at:
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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 19th

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

Speaker: Ms. Marnie Winter

Director of Environmental Affairs for Jefferson Parish

Ms. Winter will speak on the issues faced by Jefferson Parish with regard to debris & waste management resulting from Hurricanes Katrina & Rita and will also discuss the path forward for these & other environmental issues for the Parish in 2006.

Reservations: Please EMAIL your reservations to Katie Ricks at rickskr@airproducts.com, fax reservations to 610-706-5824 or call Katie Ricks (504-390-0227) for reservations by **Monday January 16th 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 19th.** You may still pay by company check or personal check at the meeting but your credit card will be charged if you make a reservation (for the number of people you make a reservation for) and do not attend. Please call or email Katie with questions at 504-390-0227 or rickskr@airproducts.com

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Meeting Registration Fee: \$30 Members/Corporate Sponsors

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Choice of Salad or Soup

Choice of Roast Pork Au Jus, Eggplant Parmigiana or Chicken Beau Chene
Chocolate Mousse
Coffee
