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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As I started writing this message, I was sitting in the Memphis airport looking out at the dark clouds that have been dumping lots of rain on much of the Southeast for the past several days. I was returning from a meeting of the National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) – the not so new name for what many of you may remember as STAPPA-ALAPCO. This was the annual meeting of the association membership and there was a lot of really good information that was presented.

We were very fortunate to have Gina McCarthy, EPA Assistant Administrator from the Office of Air and Radiation, to spend almost two hours with us discussing her thoughts

on a multitude of air quality issues. I was impressed by her honesty and openness as we discussed a number of issues that are of critical importance to state and local air quality agencies that are trying to implement federal programs that are quickly evolving and changing.

That same week, we got word that EPA was reconsidering the data associated with the 2008 ozone standard, and we are all concerned that the standard could come back at levels much lower than where it was first announced. This disrupts planning efforts across the nation and adds uncertainty to everyone's lives. States are also struggling to implement monitoring for the recently low-



Michael Vince

ered lead standard, and the new monitoring requirements for roadside NO2 monitoring. One of the things that I did hear from Ms. McCarthy was how overwhelmed she was and how totally unprepared she was to

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**AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**  
Louisiana Section

## FALL CONFERENCE

We invite you to attend the Air & Waste Management Association -Louisiana Section's annual conference "Environmental Focus 2009" on October 27-28, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge. This conference is packed with valuable information for both seasoned and

young environmental professionals.

The first day highlights EPA Initiatives and recent developments related to Climate and Greenhouse Gases. Paul Miller will present the upcoming DEQ initiatives and Vivian Aucoin will give us a Statewide Ozone Update. Dr. Loren C.

Scott will forecast the Economic Outlook for 2010 during our dinner meeting that evening.

The second day of the conference includes two tracks: (1) a full day of presentations targeting Young Professionals and (2) presentations on Hot Air Topics (i.e. NSR and engine

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find out just how much work there is to do in the air program. Well, we have been saying that at the state and local levels, but no one ever seemed to listen before.

Fast forward two weeks, and I am on a plane again, this time headed to Kansas City for a "super meeting", a combination Region 6/Region 7 state air director meeting combined with CenSARA and CenRAP agendas. It's one trip that combines three different meetings as a cost and time

saving attempt. Anyway, this past week left us wondering just what Congress and EPA have in mind with all the notices of proposed and anticipated rulemaking on greenhouse gas reporting, climate change and energy policies. Well, 2010 looks to be pivotal with regard to long-term environmental policy setting in these areas. I sure hope that we are all ready!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Environmental Focus 2009 that is coming up in less than three weeks. This year, the conference planning commit-

tee has done a fantastic job with securing speakers that include EPA Region 6 Acting Administrator Larry Starfield, A&WMA President Rick Sprott, and many other regionally and nationally recognized experts.

On a personal note, thanks to so many of you that have been asking about and trying to follow the progress of my son Marshall. We are very happy that he is in remission and is undergoing the next phase of his treatment. Your thoughts and prayers over the last several

months has really helped keep us going!

**Michael Vince**  
LA Section Chair



## A&WMA AGENCY UPDATES

### Legislation, Regulation, & Agency Updates

Instead of summarizing all the recent policy it may be easier to talk about what has not been proposed, changed, or vacated in recent times, EPA has been busy lately. Here is a little reminder of the major items over the last few months. Sierra Club v. EPA, 551 F.3d 1019 (D.C. Cir. 2008),- better known as the SSM exemption case, doesn't appear to be going away anytime soon. The Stay of portions of NSPS Ja - rumors are a final rule by the end of the year. The residual risk MACT rule is still looming out there somewhere. Climate Change - Greenhouse Gas Mandatory Reporting Rule, Waxman/Markey Bill, and Greenhouse gas regulations - with the announcement that the New EPA Rule Will Require Use of Best Technologies to Reduce Greenhouse Gases from Large Facilities.

### Air Permit Workgroup Updates:

Authority has been delegated to several LDEQ air permit division staff which allows them to sign certain actions: these include rescission letters, application withdrawals, regulatory permits, minor source general permit authorizations, expedited permit approval letters, and minor source adminis-

trative amendments.

LDEQ staff is currently reviewing comments received on proposed rules AQ297 - Air Toxics Rule (Chapter 51), AQ305 NOx RACT (Chapter 22), AQ273 Marine Vapor Recovery and AQ300 ERIC. AQ 270 Statutory Exemption for Small Sources became effective on August 15.

New Rules and Guidance Under Development: Revisions to Chapter 2121 & 2122, Chapter 11, and Chapter 13 are ongoing. Revisions to the LDEQ Air Modeling Requirements and guidance is also currently in progress. Regulatory Permits: the department is required to provide a list of potential permits by the end of the year. The following have been requested by industry; tanks, temporary activities, and general maintenance activities.

Two new additional subgroups have created. These include; simplified permit applications for minor modifications and the streamlining of Chapter 21 with more recent federal emissions control standards.

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

GHG reporting, air modeling, SPCC, control devices, LDAR, stack testing, and getting involved...its all part of this year's A&WMA Fall Conference Young Professional (YP) Sessions! This year's conference has devoted a full day to YP focused presentations. The YP sessions target the conference's

YP attendees, but all are invited to attend. This year's presenters include the LDEQ, consultants and industry, representing a full range of the environmental arena. The full day of presentations has been planned based on feedback from previous years and from YPs that have expressed an interest in particular top-

ics. Join us for this year's YP Sessions.

In April we held a very successful YP event at Capital City Grill in Baton Rouge. The response was great, the speaker was engaging, the food and drinks were plentiful, and the request for another event was heard. We're planning our

second YP event of the year for this November. We're still working on the details of when and where, but watch your email for another great YP event to be held in November.

**Jennifer Albert Tullier**  
Young Professionals Co-Chair

## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Pat Hawkes, EHS Technician at TAMINCO, joined the Louisiana A&WMA section by request from his supervisor. Pat plans to attend this year's Young Professional's Session at the annual Fall Conference and hopes the membership will provide additional knowledge and resources on topics related to the field. The Louisiana Section welcomes Pat and all other new members!

*"Now, more than ever I see the importance of gaining additional knowledge of environmental topics. The reading materials that are supplied through the membership are good resources on staying up to date with the current news in the environmental field."*

-Pat Hawkes

## UPDATE CONTACT INFO

Keep Your A&WMA Contact Information Current! Please update your contact information at [www.awma.org](http://www.awma.org) so important and helpful A&WMA news can be sent to you!

- Go to [www.awma.org](http://www.awma.org);
- Login using your A&WMA membership number and password;
- The Members Only Overview page should come up;
- Click on "Update Membership Contact Info" under the Membership Maintenance Heading;
- Click on Edit to edit your contact information.

If you have any questions, please contact Veronica Crow at 504-231-8344.



Stay tuned to find out the significance of the alligator!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Kristin Parr, Student

Pat Hawkes, Taminco Higher Amines

Carly Roy, Louisiana Business and Technology Center

Nikki DeBenedetto, Motiva Enterprises

Kaci Kidder, Student

Jervey Cheveallier, BASF Corporation

Mallorie Albrecht, C-K Associates, LLC

Douglas Melancon, Dupont

Jennifer Melder, Parker & Associates, Inc.

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Duane Piranio, Arabie Environmental Solutions, Inc.

Michael Brown, C-K Associates, LLC

## SOUTHWEST CHAPTER UPDATE

At our last chapter board meeting, a couple of weeks ago, the board reviewed our membership list to help decide what can be done to encourage and increase our membership. It was concluded that we needed to focus on providing quality speakers and webi-

nars on a regular frequency. The southwest chapter board also needs to further focus its attention on the chapter's current members to develop a better understanding of their needs, including what topics are important to them and the benefits of A&WMA membership. Michael Vince,

Chair of the Louisiana Section, was asked to speak about membership for a few minutes prior to our main guest speaker, Maureen Harbourn. I want to add that he had to make a two hour trip, one way, to talk for just a few minutes in order to provide this valuable service. Thanks

again to Michael! Maureen Harbourn's presentation focused on air topics. Ms. Harbourn is a partner in the Baton Rouge offices of Kean Miller. Thank you Maureen for your wonderful presentation! Stay tuned for future webinars.

**Mike Dever**

**Southwest Chapter Chair**

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The A&WMA appreciates your membership and wants you to enjoy all of the membership benefits available! To access membership services, go to [www.awma.org](http://www.awma.org). At this site, you are able to access many membership services including:

- Electronic copies of The Journal of the Air & Waste Management Association and EM, the monthly news magazine for environmental managers;
- Free access to the A&WMA Career Center where careers and candidates come together;
- Access to up-to-date professional, scientific and technical information through specialty conferences, workshops, courses, and satellite seminars. Members receive 20-30% discounts on registration fees at A&WMA conferences, workshops, seminars and education courses;
- Search, purchase, or download a range of over 11,000 products offered by A&WMA including technical books, CD-ROMs, papers from the A&WMA annual conference and specialty conferences, and articles published in The Journal of Air & Waste Management Association and EM. Members receive discounts up to 25% on A&WMA publications;
- Free access to the Special Reference Collection powered by Knovel and discount subscriptions to other environmental journals;
- Information on A&WMA awards and scholarships. Each year, A&WMA recognizes individuals and companies for outstanding accomplishments in promotion of a clean environment; and Opportunities for professional development through the QEP Certification Program.

If you have any questions about these services or other membership benefits, please contact Veronica Crow at 504-231-8344 or [veronicacrow@cox.net](mailto:veronicacrow@cox.net).

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rules) and Multi-media issues including TSCA and Ozone Depleting Substances. Bryan Johnston will present the latest on air permitting issues.

During the conference, DEQ will have a "satellite office" staffed with regulators from a wide range

of sections including permitting and enforcement, air quality assessment, Brownfields, remediation and modeling for you to meet. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the DEQ staff.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Cindy Thompson**  
**Fall Conference Co-Chair**

## LSU STUDENT CHAPTER

The LSU Chapter will have our next meeting on October 20th. At the meeting, we are planning on discussing student sponsorships to the Fall Conference, fundraising, community outreach, and partnerships with ECO and LSU recycling.

Through partnering with these organizations, we can

have a more positive, environmentally friendly, affect on campus. The student chapter is also looking forward to attending the Fall Conference and meeting other members of the LA Section.

**Paul Algu**  
**LSU Student Chapter Chair**

**ADOPT-A-SCHOOL**

The primary purpose of the Louisiana Section Adopt- A-School program is to select an elementary or middle school at which the Section will award a cash donation for use at the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade level in the area of science education. It is the Louisiana Section's desire that the funds be allocated to a specific project or purpose rather than simply becoming assimilated into the school's general fund. In addition to the cash donation, the Louisiana Section will provide Environmental Education Resource Guides (print volumes of environmental education lessons/activities).

No specific form for the proposal is required. The proposals will be evaluated equally on need and quality of the proposed program. The

Louisiana Section requests that, at a minimum, the following information be provided regarding the school being nominated: 1. General background information about the school, including: the number of students in school and in the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> /7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grades; the demographics of student population. 2. The significance the cash donation would have in the school's overall program of science education, specifically: a clear explanation of why the school needs the grant, and the total number of students who will benefit from the grant. 3. Specific information regarding the intended use for the funds and the need for teacher training in the environmental sciences.

The more project-oriented grant requests tend

to score higher points with the judges than simple grant requests for money for the school's general science funding. Ideally, but not a requirement, a Louisiana Section member nominating a school should be involved with the school and would be expected to act as liaison between the association and the school in the presentation of the award and any additional activities scheduled for the school during the year.

Recipients of the grant will be requested to attend a Louisiana Section dinner meeting in New Orleans in January to receive the funds. Attendance is encouraged, but not required. Details will be provided at a later date. Proposals should be received no later than 5pm November 20, 2009.



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Don't miss your chance to take part in A&WMA's 103rd Annual Conference & Exhibition (ACE) technical program. Visit the ACE 2010 Web site to view the call for abstracts and to submit an abstract.



Don't forget to check out the international website for important information and ways to become more involved!  
www.awma.org

**2010 Board of Directors Nominations**

Submit your nominations for the 2010 Board of Directors and the President-Elect by Friday, October 30 to have a say in your A&WMA leadership!



**A&WMA's 2010 Honors and Awards**

Submit your nominations for A&WMA's 2010 Honors and Awards! The nomination deadline is October 30, 2009.





**SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING**

The September Dinner Meeting was held on September 24th at Juban's Restaurant in Baton Rouge. Mr. Robert Holden of Liskow & Lewis and Mr. George Holder of The Shaw Group spoke to a sold out, standing room only crowd, about an extremely timely topic: EPA's

FINAL Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting Rule (MRR) signed by Administrator Lisa Jackson on September 22nd. Mr. Holden presented the historic timeline of the rule keying in on important dates, applicability, and industries concerns. He also commented on the unlikelihood that the MRR will be "stayed" prior to the January 1, 2010 compliance deadline. Mr. Holder provided a technical overview of the rule, including recommendations for the initial step facilities need to begin taking now.

The Louisiana Section thanks both presenters



*Left: Mr. Robert Holden and Mr. George Holder at the September Dinner Meeting.*

for their time, especially the time spent revising their presentations on such a short notice. Remember that the Louisiana Section Fall Conference will have an entire session focusing on climate change, regulatory greenhouse gases and the popular MRR.

The next dinner meeting is scheduled to occur

in conjunction with the conference, October 27 at 4:30 PM. Dr. Loren Scott will speak on the Economic Outlook for 2010.

Visit [www.la-awma.org](http://www.la-awma.org) to view the presentation for the September Dinner Meeting.

Don't forget to mark your calendar with these Important Dates!	
AIR-298: Introduction to the CALPUFF Modeling System- Raleigh, NC	October 26
AIR-297: Introduction to AERMOD- Raleigh, NC	October 27
LA Section's Annual Fall Conference- Baton Rouge, LA	October 27-28
Guideline on Air Quality Models: Next Generation of Models Conference- Raleigh, NC	October 28-30
Daylight Savings Time Ends- clocks BACK one hour	November 1
Veteran's Day	November 11
National Brownfields Conference- New Orleans, LA	November 16-18
34th Annual A&WMA/EPA Information Exchange Conference- Research Triangle Park, NC	December 1-2
January Dinner Meeting- Location TBD	January 21

**FUN FACT!**

A&WMA offers a variety of resources for those seeking to enter an environmental career at any level. Local chapter and section meetings are a great way to meet and network with professionals in the field, as are periodic regional and annual conferences. The Association's Career Center at [www.awma.org](http://www.awma.org) offers a variety of job postings. The Association also offers an ongoing schedule of professional development courses and conferences, which offer the opportunity to develop new marketable skills.

**WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED?**

Half of the Louisiana Section A&WMA board and chair members are elected, the rest are appointed by the Section Chair. The appointed positions are generally filled through persons expressing interest in being more involved and/or

to address a certain need. The Louisiana Section board and chair members are all volunteers. Hundreds, maybe thousands, of hours are spent each year keeping our section atop the list of A&WMA sections throughout the country. The board en-

courages members to come forward with new ideas, opportunities, and comments; however, remember you do not have to stop at that point! If your interested in becoming more involved all you have to do is ASK!



**MAKING A DIFFERENCE- COMPOSTING IDEA**



Composting is an easy and inexpensive way to reduce the volume of garbage you throw away every day and can provide a valuable soil amendment for gardening. However, many people don't have the option to start a compost pile because they have limited land

space or no personal yard at all (i.e. apartment dwellers). One FUN solution is to go out and find some unusual new pets! Worm farming can take the place of traditional composting and can be done by anyone regardless of the accessibility to real estate. All you need is a container

(wood or plastic), worms, bedding material, and food. For more information check out LDEQ's website:

<http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/default.aspx?tabid=2101>

**HEALTHY HABITS**

Have you washed your hands lately? Flu Season is here! Wash hands multiple times daily in order to help stop the spread of germs and bacteria!

**SUDUKO**

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**VISITED THE WEBSITE LATELY?**

Have you checked out the corporate website lately? If you haven't the Louisiana Section requests that it's members verify and update their contact information with the association if they haven't done so in the past year! The website also is constantly improving offering more tools and resources for

professional development, and education. Remember you can renew your membership online!

[www.awma.org](http://www.awma.org)

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