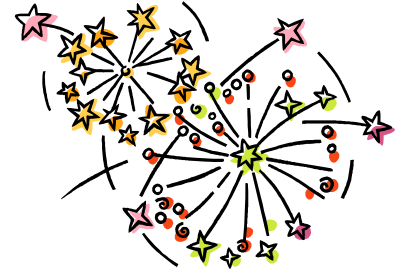




Louisiana Section of Air & Waste Management Association

Chair Perspective



Special points of interest:

- Important Dates
- Check out our new members!
- Save the Date for January's Dinner Meeting!
- See what the YPs have been doing!
- Check out the LDEQ's changes to solid waste permitting!

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January 3, 2012..... OK, I just wrote 2011 which I will probably do for about another month or so since I am a creature of habit. I cannot believe how fast 2011 has gone by and that we are already three days into the New Year 2012. I hope you and your families enjoyed a safe and happy holiday season! I remember growing up in the 80s and seeing on the news (OK I won't date myself too much) that we would see futuristic cars and bread at \$2.00 per loaf, milk at \$5.00 per gallon. I remember being a little scared to see what our world would look like after the year 2000. Amazingly some or most of these predictions have come true. Who would have thought that I would be watching HGTV on a flat screen TV no more than an inch thick, I barely had a black and white TV to watch in the 80s. Was that so long ago? To me it doesn't seem that it was. I was also introduced to the realm of environmentalism and the outlook to the future on how we would be environmental stewards and make our world a better place. I wonder if that is how the folks of the 50s and 60s viewed the 90s. Needless to say here we are in 2012, bread is about \$3.00 per loaf, milk is about \$4.75 per gallon and Environmentalism is still around with even greater emphasis on politics and, ultimately, making our world a better place.

Looking back on 2011 I can honestly say that it was an interesting year. The regulatory environment was active with new proposed regulations, argument about current and proposed regulations and the overall political hot buttons having to do with our economy. With 2012 being an election year it will be very interesting to see how things shake out. Not hinging any bets here. I did this morning just look at a recap from a valuable reference on political news in the state. A few news tidbits to ponder, LDEQ responds to comments from the Inspector General's report calling for stronger enforcement of environmental laws; the Bucket Brigade has

Don't miss out!

On the Louisiana Section Dinner meeting to be held at Messina's in Kenner, LA
January 19

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been making appearances around town; the EPA/Justice department imposes what is calls the largest fine ever for violations of the Clean Air Act for a large company; and WOW did we say the Episodic Release Initiative would make a full circle over the last several years and be a hot topic once again! Looking at these comments it appears that we will be very busy reviewing regulations and requirements and ensuring compliance is on the top of our priority list. Of course there will be more ozone issues up for discussion. STAY TUNED...

I pulled a previous Chair's message from 2010 to see how things may have changed with our organization. It was a reference to 2009 activities... READ ON... *However, we can say that as an Association we had some great networking and activities including our successful Fall Conference in 2009. Although economics was anticipated to play a great part in attendance at these events, it didn't. Our turnout at the Conference and dinner meetings was very good, including our January dinner meeting. We had one of our best ever turnouts and were pleased to welcome our new LDEQ Secretary, Ms. Peggy Hatch...Ok, I would be remiss if I didn't say HOW ABOUT THOSE SAINTS! What a win for Louisiana! There appears to be several weeks of celebration still to come. Although we will be celebrating the Saints victory, our focus will quickly turn to our new Greenhouse Gas regulations. I know several folks are still coordinating activities to deal with this new reporting rule. So what does 2010 hold for the environmental community? That is a good question. If you go to the EPA website, you will see that there are several new initiatives and old ones resurfacing, including Greenhouse Gases and Environmental Justice. We should look for increasing rule development and outreach activities. Our environmental arena is always busy, but it appears to be getting busier every day. One of our goals for the Louisiana Section is to keep you informed and present the information in the best way possible....OK so not much has changed on this front except to add in that LSU is playing once again for the BCS National Championship and against BAMA. I know who I am voting for.....and the SAINTS have not won another Superbowl yet, but we are HOPING! Greenhouse Gas reporting is still a hot button topic and of course the EPA has many initiatives. One strong message is still there and is still a goal of our organization to keep you informed and present the information in the best way possible! 2010 and 2011 flew right by and now we focus on 2012!*

With that I will tease you with a few current activities. Congratulations to Doris Grego, Director and Jennifer Tullier, Secretary with their newly elected Board Positions for our organization. We had an EXCELLENT slate of candidates this year and look forward to our future elections with such a good group of qualified and capable individuals. Also, we have our Adopt-A-School winners which will be presented at our January Dinner Meeting. Speaking of, we are hoping that you will be able to attend our Dinner Meetings in 2012 as well as participate in our many activities during the year. I should not forget to mention that our Fall Conference was very successful in 2011. Hard work pays off! Thanks to all who helped and attended. Our organization

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could not succeed without our company sponsors and member participation in conferences.

In closing, whether at work, home, or school our roles don't stop now and will not in the future. The results though are worth the effort. Take time out for yourself and enjoy your 2012! I hope it is a successful and rewarding year for each of you and your families. Thanks for all your volunteer efforts in making the Louisiana Section successful for 2011 and in to 2012!

Section Chair
Julie Roussel

Changes to be made to LDEQ's Solid Waste Permitting System

The Administrative Procedure Act has an emergency provision clause that gives the Department of Environmental Quality the authority to establish new rules while using emergency procedures. The Secretary of the Department not only approved the emergency rule that will change the solid waste permit system; she also made the rule effective November 21st 2011.

The complications with the old rules was that documents were not being processed at an efficient rate, and that caused an accumulation of solid waste applications and that slowed down the inspection rate. The new rule also offers clarifications of definitions, exemptions and will make the permitting process easier for all involved.

The Department of Environmental Quality is using emergency procedures to establish this new rule; the regulation will ensure that adequate permitting capabilities exist for solid waste facilities. The new and improve rule will alter the way that solid waste permits are issued throughout the application process and will allow additional exemptions, require annual compliance certification, and also some definition changes that will be easier to interpret for the regulators and facilities being regulated. The policy changes will allow for a more stringent permitting approach that will limit the need for abundance of notices of deficiencies to permit applicants and will give the Department surveillance employees the time to properly inspect permitted facilities while making sure that the permit was written with clear and concise conditions. This emergency rule will make improvements to the permitting process and to simply revise the current solid waste regulations. This new regulation can be viewed in its entirety in the November publication of the SW053 in the *Louisiana Register*.

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Alvin Brass
Sage Environmental

Burn Safely

With the temperature growing colder, people are looking for different ways to keep warm. Some people like to have the old glow of a warm fire. The Burnwise Program partnered with the EPA to highlight some safe burning tips.

- Season wood outdoors through the summer for at least 6 months before burning it. Properly seasoned wood is darker, has cracks in the end grain, and sounds hollow when smacked against another piece of wood.
- Wood burns best when the moisture content is less than 20 percent. You can purchase a wood moisture meter to test the moisture content of your wood before you burn it.
- Store wood outdoors, stacked neatly off the ground with the top covered.
- Burn only dry, well-seasoned wood that has been split properly.
- Start fires with newspaper and dry kindling or consider having a professional install natural gas or propane log lighter in your open fireplace.
- Burn hot fires.



To maintain proper airflow, regularly remove ashes from your wood-burning appliance into a metal container with a cover and store outdoors.

Last but not least, always install and maintain a smoke alarm. Every year approximately 3,000 people lose their lives in residential fires. A smoke alarm is one of the best, most cost effective ways to prevent a deadly fire.

Claire Poche
Sage Environmental

Louisiana Section Election

The Louisiana Section held its election for the 2012 Operating Year in December. As Officer and Director positions on the Section's Executive Board are for either two or three year terms and due to the current rotation, the offices of Secretary and one Director position needed to be filled for the terms beginning on January 1, 2012. Jennifer Tullier was elected to the office of Secretary and Doris Grego was elected to the Director position. The office of Secretary is a 2-year term and the Director position is a 3-year term. Thank you very much for voting and for your interest in the Association.

S & C Council Rep.
Bill Palermo

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A&WMA Louisiana Section Fall Conference

Early last year, the LA Section Fall Conference Committee learned that our Fall Conference would be held at the same time as the Annual NPRA Conference in New Orleans. The Committee made an effort to move our conference but could not due to conflicts with the hotel. We pushed forward, determined to make the best of the situation, and in October, the LA Section hosted a very successful conference. Presenters included Raj Rao, Gary McCutchen, Bill Wehrum, LDEQ presenters and abstract presenters. The conference provided updates from EPA and LDEQ, the latest on implementation of all the new NAAQS standards, BACT, GACT, and MACT, and included a full day Young Professionals (YP) track.

The Conference Committee received tremendous feedback about the expanded exhibitor space which allowed the most exhibitors we have had in the past several years; and the Conference Committee plans to keep the expanded exhibitor space for 2012! The Committee also received valuable feedback on the presenters and presentations, all of which will be considered as the Committee begins working on the 2012 Fall Conference. As attendee survey results were reviewed and discussed amongst the Committee, it is clear that the Conference Committee has done an exceptional job with each conference, setting high expectations from conference attendees. Thank you for expect-



A packed house listens intently as a representative from LDEQ speaks

ing nothing less than the best and for providing feedback the Committee needs to make sure your expectations are met every year.

As 2012 approaches and you begin to lay out your calendar, mark the dates of October 30-31 for the LA

Section Annual Fall Conference!

Conference Co-Chairs
Karen Brignac
Jennifer Tullier



Passionately delivering his presentation on navigating today's challenging energy environment, Chris John of LMOGA educates his listeners

Young Professionals

Wow, what a busy year for the LA Section Young Professionals (YP) Group! This year brought several new events for the YPs and has encouraged local YPs to become involved with A&WMA at levels beyond our state borders.

Last April, the YP Group hosted the very successful Inaugural LA Section Golf Tournament. The tournament brought the Association's President Jeff Muffat to Louisiana and provided a great chance for him to witness how strong the LA Section is for himself. The tournament raised over \$2000, \$200 of which was donated through DonorsChoose.org to support a Louisiana science teacher and their school project "Saving Our River: Point to the Source". The remaining money was used to fund the new "YP to ACE" program. Kelly Bergeron and Jason Midgett, represented the LA Section YP Group at the Annual Conference and Exhibition (ACE) in Orlando, Florida in June. Kelly and Jason were chosen based on their commitment and involvement in the YP Group and had the opportunity to attend ACE and enjoy Disney. The LA Section supported a full day, YP focused sessions at the Annual Fall Conference. The YP sessions have grown stronger over the past few years and will continue to improve with the help of all members. The YP Group closed the year with a YP Conference Unwind following the last day of the Fall Conference. The Fall Conference Unwind was a very casual way to end a busy year networking with YPs and non-YPs.

This year also connected several local YPs with efforts being lead by the Young Professional Advisory Council (YPAC) on an International level. Paul Algu, whom has recently made the transition from LSU student member to LA Section YP member, is an active member of the YPAC's Recent Grad Taskforce. The Taskforce is developing tools and resources to help members transition from student member to YP member easily, and outlining the benefits of maintaining membership after graduation. Mariah Lowery, another former LSU student member making the transition to LA Section YP member, is an active member of the YPAC's News Committee. The News Committee is tasked with distributing quarterly newsletters, *The YP Connection*, to all YP and student members along with leadership of the Association (approximately 1,500 people)!

So, what's next for 2012? We've already started planning YP events for 2012, and while 2011 was great, we're optimistic that 2012 will be even better! The 2nd Annual LA Section Golf Tournament will be hosted by the YP Group, Thursday, April 19th, with a mid-day tee time. The success of the Golf Tournament will be a determining factor for the success of supporting the "YP to ACE" program in 2012; so get your golf clubs ready. 2011 was busy but we have more planned for 2012, so stay tuned for more information in 2012.

As we close 2011, we offer a huge thank you to each of the LA Section members that have supported the growth of the YP Group this year. To everyone that sponsored or played in the Inaugural Golf Tournament, to each company that sponsored a YP Group activity, and to each member and non-member that attend an event; 2011 was successful because of your help, thank you!

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professionals is
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Young Professionals Chair
Jennifer Tullier

Important Dates January 2012

January 12, 2012 AIChE/A&WMA Boiler MACT Webinar

January 19, 2012 Louisiana Section January Dinner Meeting at Messina's (Kenner, LA)

January 22, 2012 Conference on the Applications of Air Pollution (New Orleans, LA)

January 25, 2012 Hot Topics in the Environmental Field Webinar

March 21, 2012 Moving Forward in your Environmental Field Webinar

April 15, 2012 Odors and Air Pollutants 2012 (Louisville, KY)

April 24-26, 2012 Air Quality Measurement Methods and Technology (Durham, NC)

June 19-22, 2012 Annual Conference and Exhibition (San Antonio, TX)

[Click here for more important dates.](#)

January Dinner Meeting

The Louisiana Section of A&WMA will hold its first dinner meeting of 2012 at Messina's Catering in Kenner on Thursday, January 19th. You are cordially invited to attend. The meeting is scheduled to begin with a social at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6:30. Sanford (Sam) Phillips, Assistant Secretary, LDEQ Office of Environmental Services, will discuss the impact of EPA's November 30, 2011 final rule re-designating the Baton Rouge Non-Attainment Area as being in attainment with the 1997 Ozone Standard, LDEQ's December 21, 2011 Emergency Rule intended to implement the EPA final rule, how permitting will be handled between December 30, 2011 and the expected designation of non-attainment with the 1998 Ozone Standard, which is expected to occur in the Spring/Summer of 2012, and what to expect after re-designation to non-attainment.

There are three easy ways to register:

1. Register online with payment by credit card. This is the preferred method of payment.
2. Complete and fax the attached reservation form to (504) 472-9963.
3. Call Carol Murphy at (504) 472-9993

[Click here to register online.](#)

[Please click here to view a map of Messina's convenient location near the Williams Blvd. exit in Kenner.](#)

2011 Louisiana Section Industry Award

The 2011 Louisiana Section Industry Award was presented to Environ International Corporation at the October Dinner meeting. [Environ's VOC BIOTREAT™](#) technology is a cost effective solution for the biodestruction of volatile organic compound emissions. It has been granted EPA approval as alternative control device capable of achieving greater than 99% benzene removal. Dr. Carl Adams, Jr. received the award on behalf of Environ. Dr. Adams is a Principal with Environ and developed the patent-pending technology. He is considered one of the leading international experts on industrial wastewater treatment plants. Dr. Adams recognized Marathon Petroleum Company's Garyville Louisiana Refinery for allowing Environ the opportunity to prove the technology.

**Awards Chair
Jason Midgett**



Receiving the LA Section Industry Award on behalf of Environ, Dr. Carl Adams, Jr. Smiles for a Photo with Jason Midgett.

A Special WELCOME to our New Members for January 2012

Jacob Bella, LSU Student	Wade Latham, Vortex Technologies, Inc.
Jonathan Brockhaus, Sage Environmental Consulting	Scott Longon, Cabot Corporation
Jon Brubaker, Sage Environmental Consulting	Mark Louque, Honeywell International, Inc.
Elizabeth Darce, CF Industries, Inc.	Katie Mareno, Sage Environmental Consulting
Daria Diaz, Stone Pigman	Jackie McCreary, Stone Pigman
Tim Desselles, Environmental Resources Management	Jessica Miller, PPM Consultants
Paulius Donauskas, Student	Leisha Morgan, Cabot Corporation
Tom Enno, IMTT Illinois	Blake Phillips, Crosstex Energy Services, LP
Keith Favaro, Matrix New World Engineering, Inc.	Jason Pilgrim, Shaw Environmental
Lauren Godshall, Stone Pigman	Betty Prindle, Eagle Environmental Services
Brandon Guillory, The Dow Chemical Company	Tricia Rapp, Conoco Phillips
Keith Hall, Stone Pigman	Kenneth Romero, Matrix New World Engineering, Inc.
Christin Haman, Trinity Consultants	Brooke Roncancio, ENVIRON International Corporation
Josh Herron, LSU Student	Dana Shelton, Stone Pigman
Elizabeth Hingle, LSU Student	Chris Warwick, C-K Associates, LLC
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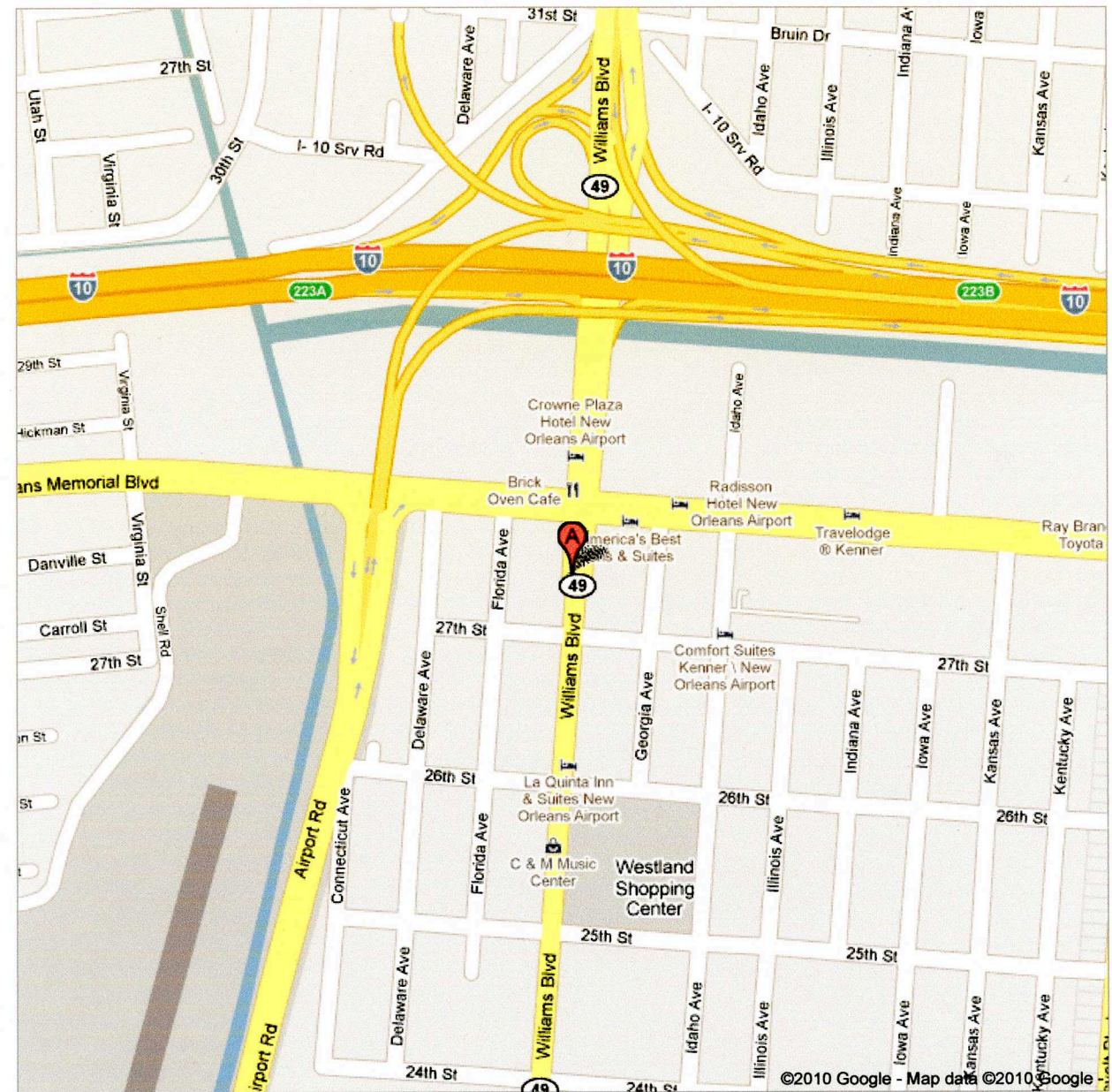
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