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Louisiana Section

## Louisiana Section of Air & Waste Management Association

### Chair Perspective

July – CHARGE ON!

Well, back to work from a week-long vacation (MUCH NEEDED) and I couldn't remember my computer password this morning. That can be a good thing or a bad thing! The good thing is that I really got a chance to spend some time with my family, hang out by the pool, celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and really not focus on the everyday stresses. The bad thing is my password was posted in my desk and yes I had to get back to work. Work is not a bad thing just that my password was posted. Thinking about it a bit more, I know that efforts at work are paying off with our team celebrating our successful EHS programs. Of course I am not counting my chickens before they hatch. We still have quite a bit of work to do to sustain good performance. "SUSTAINABILITY" is a buzz word in business and industry today. As a matter of fact, sustainability can be a measure of success. Just as we celebrate sustainability/success at work we can look to celebrating our Country's independence for over 200 years (225 based on Wikipedia information). OK I'm not getting sentimental, I just believe that 200 years of remaining independent and holding a Democracy is a huge accomplishment. When you consider the synonyms for the word sustainable (*defendable, defensible, justifiable, maintainable, supportable*) it makes sense that we have been independent for so long. We have always been able to *defend* our Country's honor by the many sacrifices of the individuals who have fought for our freedom. We have always been successful in building a strong military *defense* to protect our shores and help keep independence alive throughout the world. We have always been able to *justify* our Country's efforts because we have the freedom to choose what we are going to do. We have always been able to *maintain* our freedom (even through ups and downs) by the founding forefathers and the Constitution. We have always been able to *support* our Country and other Countries by our freedom to make decisions on where we work, live, purchase and play. When you compare that to our everyday life our individual sustainability, family sustainability, work sustain-

#### Special points of interest:

- Congrats to Jennifer Tullier on her new position as Chair of YPAC!
- Submit your abstracts for the Fall Conference! See attachment.
- July Dinner meeting will be held at Messina's in Kenner on July 19th!

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**Don't forget about:**

The July Dinner Meeting at Messina's in Kenner on Thursday, July 19th!

## Chair Perspective Continued...

ability and organizational sustainability, all encompass these very same things (*defendable, defensible, justifiable, maintainable, supportable*). As a collective group, our Louisiana Section has been successful and sustainable in our efforts from year to year. Bottom line is it takes willing people to put in the effort to make things work through the good and the bad!

In looking back to the first part of the year, we can say with assurance that the first half of the year has flown by. We have had some great guest speakers, and worked hard to continue our efforts for Education. It appears that those who attended the Annual Conference and Exhibition in San Antonio had a great time. Look for recaps in this issue.

OK it's July! It's time for the Mid Year Stretch and a BIG CHARGE forward for the rest of 2012 for success. First on the agenda is our upcoming dinner meeting. State Senator Jean-Paul "JP" Morrell, who represents District 3 in New Orleans, will be the featured speaker. Senator Morrell will present a summary of environmental legislation from the 2012 Regular Legislative Session. We appreciate Senator Morrell for taking the time out of his busy schedule to meet with our group! Secondly, we are full force into Fall Conference planning and abstract selection. Our Fall Conference committee is busy working on what is shaping up to be a wonderful agenda. Look for more information over the next couple of months. Our election cycle will be moving forward for this year, and we hope to have a great slate of candidates to choose from. Lastly, our efforts for Young Professionals and Section Membership are continuing. Thanks to our committee chairs for their hard work.

Finally, I will close with this; our Organization can be sustainable with YOU! Your membership and continued input help to drive the very facets mentioned for sustainability and success. As we CHARGE into the second half of the year, school begins, football comes around, and Holidays arrive. Let's focus on the important things in our lives and be sustainable and successful in everything we do. Many sacrifices have been made for our freedom and sustainability. Let's work to make our Environment, Work, and World sustainable by exercising these Freedoms! CHARGE ON!

**Julie Roussel,  
Section Chair**

## Reminder of Annual Election

As a reminder, the Section's Annual Election will take place later this summer. This year, the office of Vice-Chair, one Director position, and the office of Treasurer will be filled by the election. The Nominating Committee will announce the candidates to the membership at the July 19, 2012 dinner meeting being held at Messina's, in Kenner. Additionally, the full details of the election, including the credentials of the candidates will be announced to the membership through an email message that will be sent to all members at the member's email address of record, as reflected in the Association's membership database. Now would be a good time for every member to review his or her email address in the database and make any corrections that may be required.

**Bill Palermo,  
S & C Council Rep.**

## A&WMA Annual Conference

The 105<sup>th</sup> Air and Waste Management Association Annual Conference and Exhibition (ACE) was held June 19 through 22 in San Antonio. I was fortunate to attend as a representative of the Louisiana Section. I enjoyed lots of great guacamole, fajitas, margaritas, strolling the River Walk, mariachi music, and a private tour of the Alamo. Oh, and there were some great technical sessions too!



The Conference opened with two fabulous keynote speakers – Kevin Butt with Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc. and Carl Rush with Waste Management. It was exciting to hear about the waste minimization work at Toyota and the waste to fuel efforts at Waste Management. They are both leading the way towards sustainability in different ways that fit their company's business models.

Of course there is no way to attend all the technical sessions but some highlights for me were:

- The latest flare studies that show that the highest combustion efficiency occurs at the incipient smoke point.
- EPA considers continuous monitoring of flow going to flares to be Basic Practice and is considering requiring continuous monitoring of the composition of that stream.
- Boiler MACT will be final soon.
- Have you read the proposed Uniform Standards? These will be very important in the future.
- 43 GHG permits have been issued as of June, 2012.
- EPA considers carbon capture and storage to be technologically feasible so it must be considered in the BACT analysis for GHG.
- Most of EPA's NSR enforcement actions are around the issue of routine maintenance, repair, and replacement (RMRR).

EPA is still wrestling with how to show compliance with the one-hour NAAQS for SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>. They recognize that modeling has issues but there aren't enough monitors. Funding for the monitors is also an issue in this era of tight state budgets.

In addition to these informative technical sessions and panels, there were opportunities to mentor young professionals, attend student environmental challenge presentations, and numerous networking opportunities. The ACE truly can prepare a professional for the challenges of dealing with the complex regulations and policies that continue to pour from EPA.

The next ACE will be held June 25 through 28, 2013 in Chicago. I counted only 9 Louisiana Section members in San Antonio – let's work to increase that in 2013!

**Karen Brignac, Vice Chair  
and Cindy Thompson**

## LA Section: YP Update and Future Event Planning

Your YP co-chairs Jennifer and Jason attended this year's ACE, and both participated in Young Professional Advisory Council (YPAC) events including networking and planning meetings. The YPAC is focusing on many topics critical to the growth and sustainability of our Association. There are many opportunities to get involved and help shape the future of the Association both locally and internationally, contact one of us for more information. By the way, Jennifer is incoming YPAC chair and will serve on the Board of Directors at the International level next year.

The Louisiana Section continues to remain one of the strongest in the Association and the strength of our YP group is also very evident.

Our YP to ACE program, funded by money raised at our 2012 Golf Tournament, was awarded to Kelly Bergeron. Kelly was unable to accept the financial support to attend the conference, due to a work conflict; we congratulate and thank her for all of her contributions to the YP group. Some of the money will carry over to 2013 to help send deserving YP's to next year's ACE in Chicago after next year's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual YP golf tournament! Get involved, complete an application, and the YP group could help cover some of your expenses! The remainder of the money raised this year will be spent to increase the involvement of YPs in the activities of the Association, provide YPs opportunities to network, stay up-to-date with industry, learn leadership skills, and to offer mentorship. Thanks again to all that supported the tournament.

A small YP planning committee is currently working on several events that will occur over the next six months to close out the remainder of 2012. Formal announcements will follow soon.

- In the works first will be one of our usual afternoon pre-dinner events tentatively scheduled for late August. It will be a learning opportunity for all.
- In September, on the 20<sup>th</sup> to be exact, plans are to hold a Boiler MACT 101 workshop. We are in early planning stages. We envision a 1pm start time with the workshop ending prior to the Louisiana Section's September Dinner Meeting. This event, like all YP events, will be open to everyone and will be a lead-in to the Boiler MACT Specialty Workshop, being collaborated by the LA Section and the Association, scheduled for early December in New Orleans.
- In keeping with a new tradition come join us on Halloween at Ninfa's for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Conference Unwind event which follows the last day of the Louisiana Section Conference. All you have to do is walk across the parking lot after the last session of the afternoon. Appetizers are provided and possibly prizes for those willing to get into their costumes a little early.
- To close out the year and prepare for 2013 we would like to have a YP meeting in late November or early December. We want to know what you want in 2013.

To all you non-YP's out there please feel welcome at our events, YP's love to network! The YP group is here for you and we welcome your feedback and support. If anyone has ideas for events please send them to us or if you think we can help you just ask.

**Jason Midgett,**  
*YP Vice Chair*

## ACE: A Student Member Experience

When I first learned that I placed second in the Master's Level Platform Paper Competition for my paper titled "China: The Fastest Growing Economy and The Associated Air Quality Challenges", I was delighted. This achievement gave me the opportunity to travel to San Antonio to attend and present my paper at the A&WMA Annual Conference and Exhibition.

Along with three colleagues, I drove from New Orleans to San Antonio on Monday, June 18. The next day, all four of us registered for the conference and our designated monitor-

ing sessions. I presented my paper in the "Size Segregated PM and Data Analysis" session. The other papers in my session were very well researched, informative, and I learned a lot from their presentations. In my paper, I discussed the air quality of major cities in China such as Beijing, Shanghai, Changzhi, Shaoxing, Shenzhen, and Xiamen with respect to PM<sub>2.5</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, and NO<sub>2</sub>. The objective of this study was to assess the air quality of these cities, and to compare the pollutant concentrations with the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) used in the United States. My study also engages with the issues of health hazards associated with air pollution and the effective systems that can be developed to control air pollution in China.

On the last day of conference, I monitored a session on "Waste Conversion Technology Case Study: Terrabon" which was also very interesting and knowledgeable. My colleagues also had the opportunity to present their respective paper and monitor their assigned sessions. In addition, during the conference we also attended the networking session and exhibition hall. Being a young professional, the conference proved to be very beneficial for all of us in terms of networking and acquiring some industrial knowledge.

The most exciting part of the conference was the Students Award Ceremony. Not only was I awarded for my paper, but I came to know a number of well-known people in our field, such as Dr. C. David Cooper who is the author of the popular text book "Air Pollution Control". Overall my experience of A&WMA conference was great and exciting. It broadened my understanding in the field of environmental engineering, not only related to air pollution, but also the software applications, sustainable development, and others. I look forward to taking part in future A&WMA conferences.



*Above: Christopher Blazo with other Young Professionals at ACE*

**Christopher Blazo,**  
*UNO Student Member*

## Industry Awards

We will begin requesting 2012 Industry Award nominations in August. If you are aware of or recently worked on a project that fits into one of following categories please consider nominating it for this year's award. Additional details and Nomination Forms will be emailed to you soon.

- Air pollution technical specific processes which minimize or more effectively control air pollution; new air pollution equipment; and improved management practices which reduce air pollution or
- Material/waste engineering projects may include: production process changes that minimize by-product

**Jason Midgett,**  
*Awards Chair*

## Southwest Chapter Update

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Southwest Louisiana Chapter of A&WMA hosted its second quarter luncheon at Pat's of Henderson in Lake Charles, Louisiana. The luncheon featured guest speakers Richard Metcalf of Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association (LMOGA) and Henry Graham of the Louisiana Chemical Association (LCA). Mr. Metcalf and Mr. Graham gave an environmental legislative update to environmental professionals from the Lake Charles and surrounding area.

The Southwest Louisiana Chapter also hosted a gathering for its members to participate in EPA's Webinar on Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine (RICE) Regulations on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The webinar covered EPA's National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) and New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for stationary reciprocating internal combustion engines and changes EPA anticipated to these rules. Local consulting companies provided lunch for the event.

To get more information on future events hosted by the Southwest Louisiana Chapter of A&WMA, please contact Mike Dever (mikedever@providenceeng.com) or Morgan Verrette (morgan.verrette@sageenvironmental.com).

**Morgan Verrette,**  
*SW Chapter Programming Co-Chair*



## May 2012 Lunch Meeting

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, the Louisiana Section of A&WMA hosted it's May lunch meeting at Drusilla's Seafood in Baton Rouge. The lunch meeting featured guest speakers Henry Graham of the Louisiana Chemical Association and Richard Metcalf of Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association. Mr. Graham updated attendees on the environmental issues of recent legislative session while Mr. Metcalf gave an update of current regulatory updates that will affect environmental professionals in the Louisiana Section. Mr.



*Board Members welcome Mr. Henry Graham and Mr. Richard Metcalf*



*Members at the May Lunch Meeting*

Mr. Graham spoke of many legislative topics including changes in the Coastal Zone Boundary, changes in groundwater and surface water laws, and the potential impact of the changes in the state retirement system at LDEQ. Mr. Metcalf spoke on regulatory issues such as the Cross State Air Pollution Rule, ozone attainment, and stack testing guidance from LDEQ. The Louisiana Section would like to thank Mr. Henry Graham and Mr. Richard Metcalf for their informative presentation at the May Lunch Meeting!

## Scholarship Recipients

The Louisiana Section had the privilege of awarding four academic scholarships this year! At the May lunch meeting, Karen Blakemore awarded scholarships to three student members. John Brodt is a junior studying Environmental Engineering at LSU. He received a scholarship in the amount of \$2000. Natasha Halageri and Christopher Blazo are graduate students under Dr. Kura in Environmental Engineering at UNO. Natasha received a scholarship in the amount of \$2000. Christopher received a \$3000 scholarship. Natasha and Christopher won an award at ACE in San Antonio for their paper titled "China: The Fastest Growing Economy and The Associated Air Quality Challenges." Make sure to check out the article on their experience as a student and YP member at ACE which can be found in this issue. Ashley Barker was unable to attend the meeting. She was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$2000. **Congratulations** to these student members for their accomplishments!



*Left: Karen Blakemore with John Brodt*



*Upper Right: Christopher Blazo with Karen Blakemore*



*Lower Right: Natasha Halageri with Karen Blakemore*

## Heat Stress Prevention

We all know these southern summer months can be hard on everyone, specifically when it comes to the heat. Air temperature, humidity, and clothing can drastically affect the risk of heat-related illnesses. Three major forms of heat illnesses include heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. The question is how to keep from developing these types of sicknesses. When you learn the symptoms that precede heat stress, it can be very helpful in noticing issues before they strike. Everything from headaches and dizziness to irritability and upset stomachs can be examples of heat exhaustion. If not treated promptly early on, heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke. Heat stroke is the most dangerous of all heat stress illnesses and can be potentially fatal. Heat stroke symptoms can consist of dry hot skin without sweating, mental confusion, and even seizures. The prevention of heat stress is very important to your health while on site in the work place. When working in extreme conditions it is important to establish a work/rest schedule, block out direct sun, drink lots of water, wear lightweight/light-colored/loose fitting clothing, and avoid caffeinated drinks or heavy meals. If any of these symptoms start happening to you, the best thing to do is to move to a cool, shaded area, sip on cool water, and possibly seek medical attention. Let's not let the summer get the best of us, stay healthy!

**Jackie Gueringer,**  
*Student Member*

## A Special WELCOME to our New Members:

- Sanaa Drif, Citgo
- Amy Kurtz, ENVIRON International Corporation
- Jessica Leger, Lafayette Utilities System
- Ramesh Narasimhan, ERM
- Louis Thibodeaux, LSU Student

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## Important Dates

<b>July 19</b>	Louisiana Section July Dinner Meeting (Messina's in Kenner)
<b>July 24 – 25</b>	Understanding Today's Clean Air Act Permit Program (Bloomington, MN)
<b>August 20 – 23</b>	MEGA Symposium (Baltimore, MD)
<b>September 11-14</b>	2012 Southern Section Annual Conference (Biloxi, MS)
<b>September 18-19</b>	Boiler MACT Workshop: The Road to Compliance (Chicago, IL)
<b>September 20</b>	Louisiana Section September Meeting (Mike Anderson's, Clarion Inn and Conference Center, Gonzales, LA)
<b>October 30-31</b>	Louisiana Section's Annual Fall Conference (Baton Rouge, LA)

[Click here for more important dates](#)

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Have an idea for the Monitor?  
Contact [Mary Claire Lambert!](#)

## **Louisiana A&WMA 2012 Fall Conference - Call for Presentation Abstracts**

The Louisiana Section of the Air & Waste Management Association is now accepting abstracts for presentations at its 2012 Fall Conference to be held October 30 and 31 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge. Presentations selected from this Call for Abstracts will supplement the presentations made by invited speakers.

**The deadline for abstracts is July 13, 2012.**

The conference planning committee developed the list of topics (below) that was felt to be of interest to the regulated community, but we invite you to submit an abstract on any topic of your choosing. Please keep in mind that the audience is generally composed of attorneys, regulators, environmental managers, and consultants. We also plan to have sessions specifically geared for Young Professionals.

Abstracts need be no more than one page - two pages at the most. A title should be at the top of the page along with the author and all co-authors. The presentations should be geared to last no longer than 30 minutes, including time for questions and answers. Long form papers are not strictly required, but some form of written materials (PowerPoint presentations are certainly acceptable) must be submitted in advance and approved by the Conference Committee.

This year's suggested topics, in no particular order, include:

- Air regulations update
- State nonattainment developments
  - New ozone rules
  - Schedules for new NAAQS and LA. Attainment outlook
- State permitting program
- New Source Review Issues
- Greenhouse Gas Issues
- Interrelated air and wastewater topics
- Emissions Calculations and ERIC
- New or Updated EPCRA issues
- Boiler MACT
- Modeling against new NAAQS – PM2.5, SO2 and NOx
- DEQ Initiatives
- Enforcement Initiatives
- New EPA Uniform Standards
- New EPA Chemical Source rules
- New Oil and Gas rules
- Future of flare regulations
- Solid Waste or Hazardous Waste topics, including common violations and permitting
- More re engines, NSPS, NESHAPs and permitting
- Strategic Planning for Air Quality Compliance
- For Young Professionals: What's coming from DEQ and EPA, new guidelines, professional tips, briefing on HON/MON, modeling techniques

The above topics are just suggestions. You are welcome to submit an abstract on any topic appropriate to the intended audience.

**We cannot accept abstracts that are submitted late.** Our review schedule is too tight to accommodate late submissions so, please get your abstract in on or before July 13th. Please note that,

in accordance with A&WMA guidelines, speakers selected on the basis of an abstract submittal will **not** receive a complimentary conference registration. Selected speakers will be allowed to attend the session in which their presentation is made without paying a registration fee. Speakers would be required to pay the daily or full conference fee for attendance in sessions other than the session that includes his/her presentation.

The Conference Committee is currently planning space for 10-12 papers to be selected for presentation from among the abstracts submitted. Abstracts will be graded by an independent review committee composed of two senior DEQ staff and three to four industry environmental professionals. No outside attorneys or consultants will be on the abstract review committee. Papers will be selected based on quality, interest level and timeliness of topic and appropriateness for the target conference audience.

Industry, consultants, and attorneys are all encouraged to submit abstracts. This message is being sent to the LA Section members who have e-mail addresses on file with Headquarters, so feel free to forward the Call for Abstracts to others who might be interested.

If your abstract is selected for presentation, you will be notified and will receive further information about the requirements for the presentation, including the use of the A&WMA style guide and the early-October final deadline for submission of complete and final presentations.

Abstracts should be submitted by e-mail to Ms. Diane Leche at ExxonMobil Corporation: [diane.h.leche@exxonmobil.com](mailto:diane.h.leche@exxonmobil.com). You will receive a confirmation e-mail once your abstract is received. If you have any questions about the call for papers, please contact Jennifer Tullier or Bill Palermo, the General Conference Co-Chairs for the Fall Conference, at [jennifer.tullier@c-ka.com](mailto:jennifer.tullier@c-ka.com) ; 225-755-1000; and [bpalermo@rtpenv.com](mailto:bpalermo@rtpenv.com), 504-472-9993, x-105, respectively.

We look forward to receiving your abstracts!

Jennifer Tullier  
Conference Co-Chair

Bill Palermo  
Conference Co-Chair

The Louisiana Section of the  
Air and Waste Management Association  
will hold its July Dinner Meeting at



2717 Williams Boulevard  
Kenner, LA 70062  
504-469-7373

Date: Thursday, July 19, 2012  
Time: Social begins at 5:30; Dinner Served at 6:30

Speaker: Senator Jean-Paul "JP" Morrell  
Louisiana State Senate, District 3

Topic: A Summary of Environmental Legislation from the  
2012 Regular Legislative Session

**Reservations:** You may now make your reservations and pay by credit card online. [Click here](#) to register using this preferred method of payment. Reservations may also be made by faxing this form to (504) 472-9963 or calling Carol Murphy at (504) 472-9993.

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