



- FROM THE DIRECTOR -

If you are reading this it means you're not on vacation, I'm sorry for that. As soon as you are done reading this, take some time off, you deserve it, we all deserve it. I heard somewhere that Americans are working so much lately that some are even donating back unused leave to the company. What have we come to? Have we forgotten that we must work to live; we must not live to work!

August is quiet with NEBC. Take the time to get out there! However, come September the calendar and activities return to full speed. We've got the Cascade Chapter Summer Mixer in Portland on September 16th and the Olympic Chapter Golf Tournament in Mukilteo, WA on September 25. Both dates are a little later than usual so make a note of it.

Sales of Northwest Environmental Conference exhibit booths have been very brisk. There are currently 3 booths remaining of 58 available. If you have not gotten your deposit in there is still time, but not much. Call Cara for details.

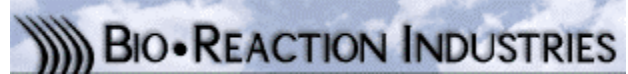
That's it, now go do something fun....I am.

David W. Welsh

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- SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT -



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- GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS -

NEBC OFFERED POSITION ON OREGON BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON WASTEWATER PROGRAM BACKGROUND

In September 2002, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ORDEQ) convened a Blue Ribbon Committee (BRC) to provide advice to the Department on ways to strengthen and improve the State's wastewater program. David Welsh, NEBC's Executive Director, has been named to the BRC in May 2003. The BRC has been drafting a document outlining ideas for improving Oregon's Wastewater Program and is now seeking input from its member's constituencies.

Entitled, "***Strategies for Improving Oregon DEQ's Wastewater Program—Version 2 (July 31, 2003)***," this draft is available for your review and comment. (Please contact the NEBC office to receive an electronic copy.) The draft paper continues to draw from and build on the BRC's ongoing discussions of important issues and opportunities facing the DEQ wastewater program and reflects the BRC's interest in identifying specific goals, performance expectations, and strategies to support and advance the Committee's vision of an effective program.

Next Steps

Step 1 is to refine the BRC's preliminary program goals/performance expectations and identify the strategies needed to support and help implement its proposed program vision.

Step 2 is to establish, with DEQ's estimation of current resources, the resources needed (FTEs, capital investments, etc.) and associated with each strategy.

Step 3, the BRC will begin to discuss what criteria it will use to prioritize among different strategies. Possible considerations include: technological vs. programmatic investments; permit system vs. compliance system improvements; permit tracking (timing) vs. permit processing (timeliness) enhancements; investments targeted for facilities not yet in compliance vs. encouraging beyond compliance behaviors; and the overall resources (and time) needed to implement any given strategy.

In Step 4, the BRC will use the cost information provided by DEQ, along with its other criteria, to prioritize, modify, or eliminate strategies. As part of this assessment, the BRC will revisit the performance expectations it set and determine if the strategies are appropriately aligned to enable DEQ to meet those performance goals.

Finally, the BRC will work with DEQ to identify funding options to implement the recommended strategies. This process is expected to take place in an iterative and highly interactive fashion.

Participation by NEBC on the BRC represents an important recognition of your trade association. It is important that we hear from you regarding the BRC's strategies paper. **Please provide WRITTEN feedback only! The deadline for comments is Friday August 22, 2003.** We look forward to hearing from you.

- INDUSTRY/ASSOCIATION NEW -

SUMMARY OF DEQ SEDIMENT EVALUATION GUIDANCE ADVISORY PANEL (SEG-TAP) PROCESS

As the NEBC representative on the DEQ Sediment Evaluation Guidance Advisory Panel to assist DEQ in revising the 2002 "Draft Guidance for Evaluation of Sediment at State Cleanup Sites" I wanted to provide a brief summary of our work to date. The SEG-TAP is made up of 10 members that represent Natural Resource Trustee Agencies (NOAA Fisheries and U.S. Fish and Wildlife), Stakeholders (Consultants, Port Authorities, and Utilities), Advocacy Groups (OSPIRG), and a representative for the regional Native American Tribes. The SEG-TAP had its first orientation meeting on May 29, 2003. The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the members of the SEG-TAP and also the DEQ staff that will be involved in the guidance revision process. A history of the development of the Draft Sediment Evaluation Guidance and the public comments that DEQ received were presented. Dr. Bruce Hope briefly presented his thoughts on how the document will be revised, incorporating a lines-of-evidence approach. The real technical work will begin after the next SEG-TAP meeting, when we will have an opportunity to review and comment on the revised Sediment Evaluation Document. This meeting is currently being scheduled for sometime in October 2003. I will keep everyone informed of our progress as we move forward with this process. For more information, please contact Taku Fuji, Ph.D., Senior Associate Toxicologist, Hart Crowser, at 503.620.7284.

BROWNFIELDS GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM EPA

The Brownfields Law passed January 2002 authorized a new and improved federal Brownfields Grants Program. Changes included a new cleanup grant program and a broader definition of brownfields to allow more sites to be addressed. New Proposal Guidelines for how to apply in 2003 for funding in 2004 should be available in September 2003, with proposal due to EPA in November 2003. The eligible programs and activities are not changing, however the proposal format and process are changing. The EPA is holding a public meeting to discuss EPA's draft of the fiscal year 2004 Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants (Brownfields Grants Guidelines). The purpose of the public meeting is for EPA's Office of Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment to listen to the views of public stakeholders on the Agency's draft Brownfield Grants Guidelines. EPA will make the draft Brownfield Grants Guidelines available to the public on the Agency's web site www.epa.gov/brownfields on August 25, 2003. The public meeting will be held September 8, 2003 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the EPA East Building, Room 1153, 1201 Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, DC. EPA encourages you to contact Region 10 Brownfields Team if you have a project or proposal for which you'd like to seek grant funding for in 2004. For more information or to discuss your proposal or project please call EPA at 800.424.4EPA or email brincefield.timothy@epa.gov, morales.susan@epa.gov, karia.roop@epa.gov, or slater.mike@epa.gov. Further information is also available from EPA Region 10 staff or on EPA's website at www.epa.gov/brownfields and www.yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/sites/bf. There are four competitive Brownfields grant programs: Assessment Grants, the new direct Cleanup Grants, Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Grants, and Job Training Grants.

BROWNFIELDS 2003: GROWING A GREENER AMERICA

The 2003 National Brownfields Conference will take place October 27 – 29, 2003 at the Oregon Convention Center, Portland, Oregon. Come join us for what promises to be the best brownfields conference yet. Brownfields 2003 builds upon past successes and will offer up-to-date and stimulating information for all brownfields practitioners. Every stakeholder involved with brownfields redevelopment – bankers, planners, developers, government officials and community representatives to name a few – should plan to attend this conference. Brownfields 2003 will offer participants a variety of interactive sessions formats, the popular Marketplace of ideas roundtable sessions, poster presentations, an extensive Exhibit Hall, informative plenary sessions, the esteemed Phoenix Awards, tours of Portland area brownfields site, receptions and exceptional networking opportunities for brownfields stakeholders. Visit the website and be sure to sign up for the e-newsletter to get regular, up-to-the-minute information as the conference takes shape.

PORTLAND MAYOR TO HOST NATIONAL BROWNFIELDS CONFERENCE RECEPTION

NEBC is working with Portland Mayor Vera Katz's office to develop a Mayor's reception at Portland City Hall during the National Brownfield's Conference in October. Below you will find the synopsis of this event. We are offering 6 sponsoring opportunities related this event. There are a few sponsorships still available. We are structuring the sponsorships to limit duplication of direct competitors. (i.e. two law firms, two consultants, two labs etc.) Sponsors would be listed in promotional material and offered display tables the night of the event. We are anticipating 750 to 1500 of the conference attendees to come the Mayor's reception. Food would be provided with a cash bar going to support a group of the Mayor's choosing. Join Mayor Vera Katz and key elected officials from federal, state and local government at historic Portland City Hall for the Brownfields 2003 Mayor's Reception. Located in the heart of downtown, just a five minute MAX light rail ride from the Convention Center, the reception will kick off at 5:15 PM with live local music, snacks and beverages provided by a northwest market and micro brewery. Remarks from Mayor Katz, elected officials and other dignitaries will begin at 6:00 PM. The reception is free to attendees of Brownfields 2003, with beverage proceeds benefiting local non-profit organizations dedicated to sustainable growth. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact David Welsh, NEBC, at 503.227.6361.

NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE

The Northwest Environmental Conference (NWECC) will be November 18 & 19, at the DoubleTree Jantzen Beach Hotel, Portland, Oregon. This two-day conference and tradeshow is dedicated to improving the environmental performance of Northwest business. The steering committee for the conference has completed a great agenda. Please visit the conference website at www.nwec.org to view the most up-to-date schedule. If you are interested in presenting at one of the sessions that is not full, please contact the moderator listed on the website agenda. **Interested in Exhibiting?** The NWECC Tradeshow has sold out the last four years in a row and there are less than 5 booth spaces left. This premier regional event is the perfect opportunity to put your products and services in front of decision makers, product buyers, and regulated industry. You can't afford to miss this event. Watch your email for more information on exhibiting or contact your NEBC staff at 503.227.6361.

NEBC COFFEE BREAK – INSURANCE & BENEFITS PROGRAM UPDATE

Is the cost of your benefits getting out of hand? Are you afraid that the increase in your health plan premiums will be too high with your upcoming renewal? Then please join us Wednesday September 10th for a NEBC Coffee Break. Craig Urbani from the Oregon Insurance Division will join us to discuss some of the legislation that has recently passed and has been proposed, that will impact your health premiums in positive and negative ways. Tino Versoza with Get-Benefits, Inc will also spend a few minutes describing some solutions that some companies have qualified for and are able to save thousands of dollars per month. See registration flyer under Events.

NEBC MEMBERS RUSH TO NEW BENEFITS

You'll never know if you never ask! Many companies have qualified and are now saving money on their employee benefits while offering comprehensive coverage. The Associated Technologies Council offers benefits to employers in Computer Technologies, Environmental Sciences, Biosciences and Telecommunications. Because these industries are pooling their buying power, they are able to purchase comprehensive plans at a lower rate. Contact Tino Versoza at Get-Benefits today and see if you qualify. No one will bother you with high-pressure sales tactics. You'll just get the information you need in order to make an informed decision. Call (800) 627-5345 today and ask for a free no obligation quote.

2008 OLYMPICS – BUILDING A NEW BEIJING

WSCRC September 24 program: "2008 Olympics - Building a New Beijing" will be held at the Sheraton Seattle Hotel and Towers located at 1400 Sixth Avenue, Seattle on September 24 at 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM with a reception following. Please join Governor Gary Locke in welcoming The Honorable Liu Jingmin, Vice Mayor of Beijing and Executive Vice President of the Beijing Olympic Committee of the 2008 Olympic Games (BOCOG). Vice Mayor Liu and other senior BOCOG representatives will be in Seattle on Wednesday, September 24 for a one-day conference highlighting business opportunities that are available to U.S. companies as Beijing prepares for the 2008 Olympics and beyond. Attend this conference and find out how your company can "compete for the gold" in Beijing. There is US\$25 billion at stake and only a limited number of ways to obtain information directly from BOCOG on how your company can be involved in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. You cannot afford to miss this opportunity. Our distinguished speakers from Beijing and the United States will address the attendees on the following important components of the Beijing development process: Overview of Beijing Olympic plans; Technology opportunities; Environmental and energy opportunities; and Infrastructure opportunities Financing the games and related projects. If you have additional questions about this program, please telephone Scott Heinlein at 206-441-4419 or via e-mail at heinlein@wscrc.org. You can register online at www.wscrc.org. The Washington State China Relations Council would like to acknowledge and thank the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development and Perkins Coie for the important role they have played in bringing this program to the trade community.

- MEMBER-TO-MEMBER -

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

EIT / Draftsman with strong quantitative skills and AutoCAD. Survey civil/design exp. a plus. TerraGraphics has immediate FT position in our Kellogg office to support environmental engineering projects. Excellent benefits package, Salary DOE. Send resume to: TerraGraphics Environmental Engineering, 121 S. Jackson St, Moscow ID 83843.

OAEP AND NEBC AUGUST MIXER

Please join us on the patio for our OAEP's second annual social gathering August 14, 2003, between 5:00 and 7:00 PM at Paddy's Bar and Grill located at 65 Yamhill Street, Portland. This year the event is co-sponsored by NEBC. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided and a no-host bar will be available. This special event promises to be an informal opportunity to network and socialize with other environmental professionals working in the region. For more information, please contact John Foxwell, OAEP Speaker Committee, at 503.624.9274 or Ron Doughten, OAEP Outreach Committee, at 503.229.5983 ext. 241.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

ArcView 8 Extensions - Environmental Applications of Spatial Analyst and 3-D Analyst Workshop (GIS-404) presented by the Northwest Environmental Training Center will be held August 19 - 20, 2003, 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M. (2 Days) at Portland State University, Cramer Hall, Computer Lab CH01 located at 1725 SW Broadway Street, Portland, Oregon. Course Description: This 2-day hands on course builds upon participants general knowledge of ArcView 8 by providing practical knowledge of two of ArcView 8's most useful extensions - Spatial Analyst and 3-D Analyst. Each participant will have their own computer workstation to create, edit, display and analyze real world environmental data during numerous hands on exercises. Participants will learn course topics while working on example exercises that simulate environmental projects (i.e. terrain analysis, watershed modeling, flood mapping, and waste analysis).

Environmental Statistics for Site Managers Workshop (STAT-401) presented by the Northwest Environmental Training Center will be held August 21 - 22, 2003, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. (2 Days) at Portland State University, Cramer Hall, Computer Lab CH01 located at 1725 SW Broadway Street, Portland, Oregon. Course Description: Unsure about arithmetic, geometric, and harmonic means, and their applicability to your environmental data? Uncertain about confidence and tolerance intervals for your site? Wondering how to go about estimating background levels or deciding which distribution to use? This course is intended to answer these questions and more through a mixture of informal mini-lectures, example problems, and hands-on computer exercises. We'll begin with the basics of descriptive statistics, then move on to illustrate different kinds of probability distributions, hypothesis tests, and errors using environmental data. The material is intended for environmental professionals who have not had formal training in statistics and those seeking a review of statistics.

Quality Assurance/Quality Control Management of Environmental Analytical Data Workshop (CHEM-404) presented by the Northwest Environmental Training Center will be held September 3, 2003 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at Oregon State Government Building, Conference Room 140 located 801 Oregon Street, Portland, Oregon. Course Description: This course provides participants with an overview of QA/QC management of analytical data. It is intended for environmental professionals who require a basic understanding of QA/QC methodologies for managing the integrity of laboratory analytical data. Participants will have the opportunity to apply course concepts during hands on exercises.



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Wednesday, September 10, 2003

7:30 - 9:00 AM

Embassy Suites Downtown

319 SW Pine Street

Portland, OR

\$15.00 Registration Fee

Continental Breakfast will be served.

Pre-registration is recommended. Space is limited - register today.

Cancellations accepted until 12:00 PM, September 5, after which no-shows will be charged.

For more information contact NEBC at 888.609.NEBC or visit our website at www.nebc.org.

To attend, fax completed form to 503.222.5050 or mail with payment to NEBC, P.O. Box 672, Portland, OR 97207.

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2nd Annual Cascade Chapter Summer Mixer

In the midst of Portland's revitalizing Pearl District, EcoTrust has restored a historic 1895 warehouse to create a vibrant gathering place for environmentally and socially responsible ideas, goods and services. The Jean Vollum Natural Capital Center has been awarded gold-level Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification under the strict standards developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. Join fellow NEBC members and colleagues for a summer evening on the outdoor terrace at the Natural Capital Center overlooking the Pearl District.

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Jean Vollum Natural Capital Center -

EcoTrust

721 NW 9th Avenue

Portland, OR

\$30.00 each for NEBC Members & Guests

\$45.00 each for Non-NEBC Members

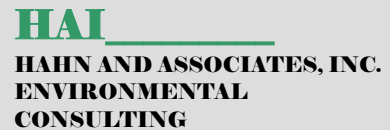
Semi-hosted Bar and Hors d'oeuvres Buffet

Pre-registration is recommended.

Space is limited - register today.

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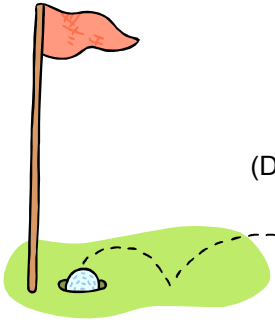
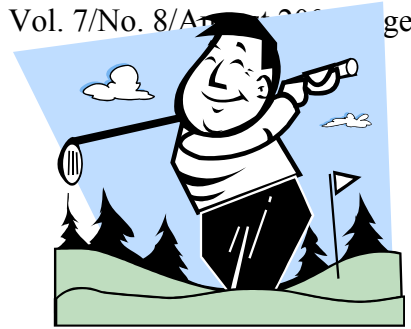
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NEBC Olympic Chapter 10th Annual Golf Tournament & Barbeque



Thursday, September 25, 2003

Harbour Pointe Golf Club

11817 Harbour Pointe Blvd., Mukilteo, WA

(Directions are available by calling the golf course at 425.347.2200)

7:30 Shotgun Start, Scramble Format

This event will be non-golfer fun and friendly!
Bring your clients, employees, and friends.

Fill out and return with payment to NEBC, P.O. Box 672, Portland, OR 97207 or fax to 503.222.5050.

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Company Name: _____

Names of Golfers: 1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

____ Individual Golfers x \$135 = _____

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Signature: _____

Benefits for Golf Tournament Sponsors

- The first four (4) hole sponsors will be assigned contest holes
- Recognition of company during event and the opportunity to distribute and/or present company materials at the event
- Recognition of sponsors through signage at selected hole and in golf carts
- Company name and logo on all promotional materials distributed
- Access to attendee registration list and membership list for event promotional and recognition purposes

All sponsorships contribute to the Scholarship fund that will be presented to a local university or collage. However, sponsorships **do not** include golf. Contact your NEBC staff for more information at 503.227.6361. **Cancellations not received at least 48 hours in advanced will be charged.**

- NEBC 2003 EVENTS CALENDAR -

September			
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16	Cascade Chapter Summer Mixer	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	EcoTrust Building – Portland, OR
16	Board of Directors Meeting	11:30 AM – 4:00 PM	TBD
25	Olympic Chapter Golf Tournament	7:30 Shot Gun Start	Harbour Point – Mukilteo, WA
TBD	Cascade Chapter Committee Meeting	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	TBD – Portland, OR
October			
1	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: Environmental Industry Update	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Harborside Seafood Restaurant – Seattle, WA
2	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: Environmental Industry Update	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	5 th Avenue Suites – Portland, OR
November			
5	Olympic Chapter Committee Meeting	9:30 AM – 11:30 PM	AGC of Washington – Seattle, WA
5	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Harborside Seafood Restaurant – Seattle, WA
17	Hazwoper Training	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	DoubleTree Jantzen Beach – Portland, OR
18	Board of Directors Meeting	TBD	DoubleTree Jantzen Beach – Portland, OR
18 – 19	Northwest Environmental Conference	All Day	DoubleTree Jantzen Beach – Portland, OR
TBD	Cascade Chapter Committee Meeting	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	TBD – Portland, OR

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