



E-News

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A publication of news and events affecting the Northwest environmental industry

- FROM THE DIRECTOR -

My wife said, "It's kind of like going to your own wake....you get to hear all the nice things people say about you after you're dead..." Well I'm only moving to Tucson not dieing, but people have been very generous with kind words and well wishes. I have appreciated all the calls, e-mails, and personal notes. It's all been a bit humbling. It makes my departure all the more bitter-sweet.

June will be my final full month with NEBC. We are collecting applications for my replacement as I write this and I'm very excited about some of the interest we have received in the position. With Cara and Linda in place, NEBC will be in good hands. The stage is set for next Executive Director to take the organization to the next level. It is my hope that you all will put extra effort into the organization that you as members have built over the past decade. NEBC only exists because of the commitment of its members, board of directors, and staff.

Now, we have a golf tournament coming up in a few weeks. How hard should we have to work to get folks to come play golf at a beautiful place in the early summer? Come on people, call a couple of clients, bring that deserving office staff and have some fun. Don't make me call you! I'll see you out there for one more hurrah!

-David Welsh

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- SPONSOR HIGHLIGHT -

Rinker Materials Northwest, formerly CSR Associated has been serving Washington, Oregon, and Alaska for over 70 years. We are a major supplier of aggregates, ready-mixed concrete, and asphalt. We also provide an economical source for disposal of TPH contaminated soil and operate the only DOE approved landfill for low TPH soil in the Seattle/Tacoma/Everett area. Rinker Materials is part of the Rinker family, with operations in over 31 states. For more information, please call us at 425-355-2111.



NEW MEMBERS

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RENEWING MEMBERS

- EcoAnalysts, Inc.
- Emerald Services
- Fishman Environmental Service
- GeoTech Explorations
- Northwest Environmental Training Center
- Oregon Insider

- INDUSTRY/ASSOCIATION NEWS -

VOLUNTARY DENTAL! DUAL CHOICE DENTAL! NEBC MEMBERS HAVE A BETTER SOLUTION!

Voluntary products continue to increase in popularity as employers look for ways to save money. The problem is that these benefits either cost too much or have such a low level of benefits, that most people do not find value in purchasing them. Many times there are strings attached to offering the benefit, like minimum participation requirements or long waiting periods.

NEBC members have two very unique dental benefit packages available. Both of these plans feature no waiting periods. Additionally, some of the dental benefits can be offered on a voluntary basis, or allow each employee to choose the dental plan that best meets their needs. We even have a plan with orthodontia coverage included. These benefits are available to employers in Oregon & Washington. Call our benefits representative today for more information! Tino Versoza (800) 627-5345.

WATER, OUR CHALLENGE, OUR FUTURE

The Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association invites you to its 71st Annual Conference: "Water, Our Challenge, Our Future" in Seaside, Oregon. The upcoming conference in Seaside, OR provides a break from our daily routines and an opportunity to think broadly about the future direction of clean water efforts in the Northwest - efforts that further enhance water quality while serving the needs of the communities in which we live and work. Once again, PNCWA is convening experts in the profession to discuss the latest research and practical knowledge on multidisciplinary issues, such as Water Reuse and Reclamation, Advanced Wastewater Treatment and Disinfection, Biosolids Management, Sustainable Natural Treatment Systems, Community Involvement, Stormwater Conveyance and Treatment, and Collection System Maintenance. This year, we are also structuring the sessions to increase the quality of technical information exchange through the use of mini-workshops in conjunction with the more traditional technical sessions. These mini-workshops will be two-hour sessions, allowing for more panel discussions and more attendee discussion time for topics such as water reuse, energy management, financial and rate analysis, and others. For more information on the Conference, visit the PNCWA website at www.pncwa.org or contact us directly at 503/235-5022.

We know you won't want to miss this year's conference on the coast of Oregon. We look forward to seeing you this fall!

SURVIVAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR WATER PROFESSIONALS

Survival Communications for Water Professionals will be held July 29, 2004 at the Water Resources Education Center, Vancouver, WA. The public and the media are paying more attention to water-related issues around the country, and it is up to Water and wastewater professionals to provide them with correct information and reassurances about their water environment. Water professionals must help shape public perceptions about the water/wastewater Industry, biosolids, reuse, and other Important and sometimes-contentious issues. Communicating effectively with the public has thus become a necessity rather than an option. This workshop will help you develop the skills to communicate your efforts to protect public health and the Environment, thus increasing the public's support. Topics will include: communications strategy; outreach tools; face-to-face interactions; advisory committees; media interaction; and conflict resolution. For more information and to register for this conference, please visit www.pncwa.org.

BRINGING THE WORLD TO YOU! WASHINGTON STATE 2004 TRADE WEEK

Are you looking for ways to increase your overseas sales? Would you like first-hand insights to break into key foreign markets? If so, the International Trade Division of Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) invites you to meet representatives from our state office in China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan and from our two new offices in Germany and Mexico. Free country briefings and private consultations will be held from June 9 – June 11, 2004. On June 9 in Seattle, don't miss the Trade Services Expo and the World Trade Club Annual Dinner with the presentation of the Governor's Trader of the Year and emerging Trader of the Year Awards. For more information, please contact Carla Boon at 206.256.6158 or email carlab@cted.wa.gov.

CALL FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ARTICLES

NEBC is an advocate for the use of sound science in all policy making. NEBC acts as a regional source of environmental expertise and science for local, state, and federal agencies, policy makers and the public. To that end the NEBC Board of Directors has established a working group to coordinate the collection of issues of interest to membership. The goal is to eventually maintain a collection of sources, including websites, organizations, and/or journals, that could benefit the professional development of NEBC members. The board is currently seeking input from members on which issues are of interest and a list of where individuals are looking for resources related to those topics. Please submit ideas to cara@nebc.org or via fax at 503.222.5050.

- MEMBER-TO-MEMBER -

NEBC MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Bill Briggs, owner of Oil Re-Refining Co., was inducted into the Washington State Recycling Association (WSRA) Hall of Fame at the WSRA 24th Annual Conference in early May. WSRA's Hall of Fame was initiated in 2000 to recognize and honor individuals who have made a long-term contribution to recycling in the state of Washington. Briggs was recognized and honored for his dedication to the advancement of used oil recycling. "Like many young men of his time, Bill's path started by pumping gas at the local service station. The only difference is he liked it. Some time later he blossomed into a representative for a major oil company. He soon brought a string of service stations, and made a go of them, but saw the ongoing problems of what to do with all the waste products. Frustrated with the big oil companies' lack of concern or programs to recycle waste oil, Bill sold his stations and in 1979 started Oil Re-Refining Company."¹

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Executive Director, The Northwest Environmental Business Council is seeking a full-time Executive Director. NEBC is the trade association serving the environmental industry of the Pacific Northwest. The Executive Director reports to a Board of Directors representing the environmental industry in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska. Salary range \$47,000 to \$60,000, DOE, including bonus program and competitive benefit package. For a complete job description visit the NEBC website at www.nebc.org. Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, salary history, and three references to NEBC, PO Box 672, Portland, OR 97207 or david@nebc.org. The successful candidate will demonstrate a thorough knowledge of association management, possess excellent networking skills, and have experience working with a small staff association board of directors. Local residents preferred. Knowledge of the environmental industry and regulations, and the northwest region a plus. No relocation costs covered. Position open until filled, review of applications begins June 11, 2004.

¹ WSRA Hall of Fame Brochure

EDUCATION

MTCA Spreadsheets Workshop: Hands-on Training with the 3- and 4-Phase Partitioning Models hosted by the Northwest Environmental Training Center will be held June 16, 2004, 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. (1 Day) at the Evergreen State College Lab 2 Building, Computer Applications Lab located at 2700 Evergreen Parkway, Olympia, Washington. Course Description: This course is intended for environmental professionals seeking an improved understanding of the 3- and 4-phase partitioning models specified under the Washington State Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA). Both models are prescribed in MTCA as predictive tools for deriving soil cleanup levels that are protective of groundwater. Washington State Department of Ecology has developed two powerful Excel spreadsheets (MTCATPH10 and MTCASGL10) to assist with the complex model calculations. The instructors will lead participants through a number of hands-on exercises that demonstrate the appropriate use and capabilities of the spreadsheet models. The instructors will also discuss model theory, assumptions, limitations, and alternatives such as empirical demonstrations and leaching tests. Each participants will have their own computer workstation to apply their knowledge to case study data. For more information and to register call 206.762.1976.

Natural Resource Damage Assessment Workshop - A legal and technical analysis, Course No. POL – 304, hosted by the Northwest Environmental Education Council will be held June 29 - 30, 2004, 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. (2 Days) at the Ecotrust Conference Center located at 721 NW 9th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Course Description: Liability and recovery issues resulting from damages to our natural resources involve a labyrinth of regulations and assessment criteria. No fewer than five major federal acts, comprising thousands of statutes, have been enacted to address natural resource damages. Additionally, scientific and economic assessment is required to determine the extent of injury, monetize damages, and implement successful restoration techniques. The course will be based on a new publication from the Environmental Law Institute: Natural Resource Damage Assessment Deskbook: A Legal and Technical Analysis. The first of its kind in breadth and scope, the Deskbook offers a comprehensive survey of the law and techniques involved in natural resource damage assessment. The Deskbook is an easy-to-read and indispensable guide to natural resource damage assessment and is recommended for lawyers, policy makers, business owners, Native American Tribes, and environmental professionals alike. For more information and to register call 206.762.1976.

Riparian Area Management: Assessing Proper Functioning Conditions of Riverine Systems, Course No. BIO-301, hosted by the Northwest Environmental Education Council will be held July 14 - 15, 2004, 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. (2 Days) at the Mountaineers Conference Center, Pinnacle Room located at 300 Third Avenue West, Seattle, WA 98119. Course Description: For fish habitat, NOAA Fisheries (formerly known as NMFS) uses the concept of Proper Functioning Condition (PFC). Properly functioning habitat is habitat that provides for the biological requirements of the fish. PFC is defined in terms of the natural processes and functions that lead to habitat conditions that will meet the biological requirements of the fish. NOAA Fisheries offers 4(d) limits only for those programs or activities that will not impair properly functioning habitat, appreciably reduce the functioning of already impaired habitat, or will not retard the long-term progress of impaired habitat toward becoming properly functioning. Proper functioning condition assessment is a qualitative method for assessing the condition of riparian areas. The term PFC is used to describe both the assessment process, and a defined, on-the-ground condition of a riparian area. The PFC assessment refers to a consistent approach for considering hydrology, vegetation, and erosion/deposition attributes and processes to assess the condition of riparian systems. A checklist is used for the PFC assessment which synthesizes information that is foundational to determining the overall health of a riparian system. The PFC classification refers to how well the physical processes are functioning. PFC is a state of resiliency that will allow a riparian area to hold together during high-flow events. This resiliency allows an area to provide ecological values, such as fish habitat, neotropical bird habitat, and forage, over time. Riparian areas that are not functioning properly cannot sustain these values. PFC assessments are used to determine the physical health of a riverine system, prioritize habitat restoration projects, and establish baselines for compliance with the Endangered Species Act. This two day course includes one day of learning in the classroom and one day assessing proper functioning conditions in the field. For more information and to register call 206.762.1976.

NEBC Olympic Chapter 11th Annual Golf Tournament & Barbeque



Thursday, June 24, 2004

Harbour Pointe Golf Club

11817 Harbour Pointe Boulevard, Mukilteo, WA

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

8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start, Scramble Format

Registration will start at 7:30 a.m.

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 \$140 = _____

___ Hole Sponsorship \$250 = _____

___ Drink Cart Sponsor \$500 = _____

Total Enclosed = _____

Payment Method: Check Visa MasterCard

Credit Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Exp. ___ / ___

Signature: _____

Benefits for Golf Tournament Sponsors

- The first six (6) 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
- 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.**



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Invite you to the

11th Annual Olympic Chapter Rooftop Mixer

Join fellow NEBC Board of Directors, NEBC members, colleagues, and guests for this annual event overlooking Lake Union. Meet new members and network with potential partners. We also take a few minutes to say our goodbyes and wish David the very best as he moves his family to Arizona. David has been with NEBC for almost 11 years and will be missed.

Thursday, July 15, 2004

5:30 - 7:30 PM

HartCrowser

**1910 Fairview Ave. East
Seattle, WA 98102**

\$30.00 each for NEBC Members & Guests

\$45.00 each for Non-NEBC Members

Semi-hosted Bar and Heavy Hors d'oeuvres Buffet

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

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

Special Thanks to our Event Sponsors!



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.

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Additional Attendees: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Payment Type: Check Visa MasterCard Total Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

Card #: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Exp. Date: ___ / ___

Signature: _____

Northwest Environmental Business Council & Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association Golf Tournament & Barbeque

Thursday, July 22, 2004
Langdon Farms Golf Course
24377 NE Airport Road - Aurora, OR
7:30 AM Shotgun Start, Scramble Format



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

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Names of Golfers: 1. _____ 2. _____

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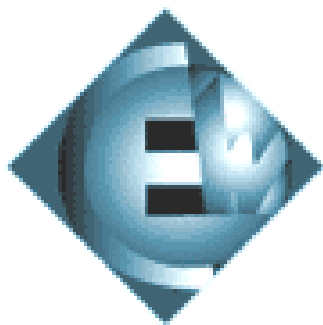
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Environmental Conference of Washington

The forum for current and emerging environmental management and policy issues
Washington State Convention & Trade Center
October 19 & 20, 2004



The Environmental Conference of Washington is part of the Association of Washington Business' (AWB) ongoing effort to keep companies informed of the numerous environmental laws, regulations and policy issues. Serving as Washington's states chamber of commerce, AWB has offered cost-effective, practical and timely information on environmental issues for over 11 years. AWB has partnered with the Northwest Environmental Business Council (NEBC) to bring you the most comprehensive forum in Washington

for in depth discussion of environmental policy, technical and regulatory issues. The conference is organized into three tracks so that you can tailor the program to meet your needs.

Interested in Exhibiting?

Reserve your booth on the tradeshow floor of this premier event now! Space is limited and the trade show has sold out the last two years in a row. The tradeshow showcases companies offering advanced environmental technologies and services. This is a great opportunity for you to bring your latest innovations and service offerings in front of decision-makers, product buyers and the regulated community. For more information, please call Cara Bergeson at 503.227.6361 or email at cara@nebc.org.

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Northwest Environmental Conference

A Forum for Practical Environmental Management



The Northwest Environmental Conference (NWEC) is the largest, most comprehensive environmental conference and tradeshow in the Pacific Northwest. NWEC's goal is to provide low-cost environmental management training to a broad range of environmental professionals.

The 2004 Conference continues more than 16 years of tradition of providing a forum to Help environmental professionals in the Pacific Northwest achieve environmental Excellence. The conference includes:

- NWEC tradeshow presented by the NEBC
- A pre-conference HAZWOPER training opportunity
- Table Talks - open discussions on hot environmental topics over breakfast

This year's conference will feature more interactive sessions, case studies, roundtable discussions facilitated breakfast table topic discussions, and plenty of networking opportunities. The conference sessions are divided into four tracks that address the needs of a diverse audience:

Tracks:

Environmental 101 – provides basic information to help businesses operate within compliance guidelines

Advanced Technical – provides practical advice on the latest technologies and techniques to improve environmental performance

Advanced Leadership and Management – highlights leading innovations in environmental management and ideas for operating “beyond compliance”

Roundtable – offers stimulating discussions on hot environmental topics

November 16 & 17, 2004

DoubleTree Jantzen Beach Hotel
Portland, Oregon

Presented by:

Associated Oregon Industries

Oregon Department of
Environmental Quality

Washington Department
of Ecology

Northwest Environmental
Business Council

www.nwec.org

Online registration coming soon.

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Download the exhibitor application/contract at

<http://www.nebc.org/announce/NWECExhibitorApplicationContract.pdf>

- NEBC 2004 EVENTS CALENDAR -

June			
24	Olympic Chapter Golf Tournament	7:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Harbour Pointe Golf Club – Mukilteo, WA
July			
15	Olympic Chapter Rooftop Mixer	5:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Hart Crowser – Seattle, WA
22	Cascade Chapter Golf Tournament	7:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Langdon Farms Golf Course – Aurora, OR
September			
1	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
9	Cascade Chapter Summer Mixer	5:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Lane Powell Spears Lubersky – Portland, OR
October			
7	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Fifth Avenue Suites – Portland, OR
19 -20	Environmental Conference of Washington	All Day	Washington State Convention & Trade Center – Seattle, WA
November			
3	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: TBD	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
16 - 17	Northwest Environmental Conference	All Day	DoubleTree Jantzen Beach – Portland, OR

***Events are subject change.**

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