



E-News

“The Environment is our Business”

A publication of news and events affecting the Northwest environmental industry

- FROM THE PRESIDENT -

It's been a rewarding two years serving as the Board President for NEBC and I feel like the organization and the Board are poised for great things. I transition the position now to the talented and energetic Judy Lurvey of Med-Tox Northwest, Inc. who, with our new Executive Director, Susan Hanf, and her staff, have all the makings of a productive team. Thanks to the staff at NEBC and the Board and Committee members for making my tenure a great experience.

All reports are that ECW was a success. We were honored to have the Honorable Gary Locke, Governor for the state of Washington, attend and offer the keynote address: a sure sign of support for the environment, Washington businesses and the environmental business community. NWEC is right around the corner, the tradeshow booths are packed as usual, registration is excellent and the topics at hand look timely and informative. Make it a point to support NEBC, AOI and DEQ and the business community with your attendance.

Sean Ragain, GeoEngineers, Inc.
NEBC Board of Directors, Past President

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- FROM THE DIRECTOR -

My Buckeyes finally won three conference games!!! That on the heels of the Environmental Conference of Washington (ECW), preparation for the Membership Directory and the upcoming Northwest Environmental Conference (NWEBC) has resulted in the energy level in our offices being quite high.

Thank you to the representatives from each NEBC member company which exhibited at ECW. Spending time with staff from all those companies was invaluable for me to learn about their businesses and interests in NEBC. I met a number of other members, as well as EPA and Washington Department of Ecology staff and these conversations reinforced the positive feedback that I've been receiving about NEBC. Special thanks to staff of the Association of Washington Business, the sponsoring companies, the session moderators and speakers, and NEBC staff – ECW could not have happened without you.

Please join me in welcoming our new member companies this month and congratulate Philip Services Corporation as they've moved up to the Sponsorship Level of membership! Member support is very much appreciated and I hope that your experience with NEBC is fruitful and productive.

I'm pleased to report that another new partnership has been created to benefit NEBC members: Now you can get a \$10 discount off of the \$85 subscription rate to the *Sustainable Industries Journal*. See their website (www.sijournal.com) for more information on the journal and call 503-226-7798 for more information.

On a side note, for Oregon businesses, please continue to assist us with our partnership with the Government Contract Assistance Program (GCAP). By submitting award data to our offices on any government contracts that you receive (local, regional, state or national) you help us maintain a very important partnership.

I'm looking forward to spending time with many more member company representatives at NWEBC to learn about your businesses and interests and talk about ways that NEBC can help you. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Susan Hanf
NEBC Executive Director

- INDUSTRY NEWS -

THE NEW HEALTH INSURANCE TREND – MORE EMPLOYEE OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE

You have heard it on the news in the papers and other publications. Employees are footing more of the bill for their health insurance. This is being done in several different ways. As an employee you may be asked to have more deducted from your paycheck. Or your company may be moving to a “Self-Directed Health Plan” or “Health Savings Account”. It does not matter what the mechanism, employees will pay more next year.

NEBC members in Oregon and SW Washington have better solutions. By participating in association health plans, they can have the bargaining power for lower rates and better more flexible benefits. Plans even offer voluntary dental with orthodontia and no waiting periods. If you are an employer you owe it to yourself to at least look at these plans. If you are an employee, your employer needs to learn about this opportunity. By helping your employer, you can also help your pocketbook.

Contact our NEBC benefits representative Tino Versoza @ (800) 627-5345 and ask for the informative e-mail detailing the plans and rates available.

CALL FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ARTICLES

NEBC is an advocate for the use of sound science in all policymaking. NEBC serves as a regional source of environmental expertise and science for local, state, and federal agencies, policymakers 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 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.

CTED NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive electronic communications on the activities of the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, send an email to: today@CTED.WA.GOV.

IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

American Institute of Small Business grant programs is offering grants for current business owners, new business owners and high school business education teachers in the amounts from \$500 - \$10,000. The deadline for submission is December 17, 2004. To submit application and additional information, please visit www.aisb.biz/grant.htm or contact Kris Solie-Johnson at info@aisb.biz.

OTHER INDUSTRY EVENTS & MEETINGS

EXPO 2010 – Shanghai, China: The Dragon Takes Flight event, to be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2004 at the Bell Harbor International Conference Center. Please join Governor Gary Locke in welcoming The Honorable Zhou Yupeng, Vice Mayor of Shanghai and Director of the Bureau of Shanghai World Expo Coordination. Vice Mayor Zhou and other senior Coordination Bureau representatives will be attending this one-day conference highlighting business opportunities that are available to U.S. companies as Shanghai prepares for the 2010 World Expo and beyond. There are billions of dollars at stake and only a limited number of ways to obtain information directly from the Coordination Bureau on how your company can be involved in the 2010 Shanghai World Expo. Don't miss out. You may register online at www.wscrc.org or by calling the Washington State China Relations Council at 888.314.3576.

Department of State Lands Hearing Schedule for Amendments to the Administrative Rules for Granting Easements on Trust and Non-Trust Land and Minerals Reservation and Release. The hearing is scheduled for December 1, 2004 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM for the proposed changes to these rules will be held in the Land Board Room, Department of State Lands Building, 775 Summer Street N.E., Salem, Oregon. For more information, please contact Jeff Kroft, Policy Development Specialist, Oregon Department of State Lands, at 503.378.3805.

EPA Seeks Conference Reception Sponsor. The EPA is sponsoring the 17th annual conference for the Underground Storage Tanks and Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (UST/LUST) program in March, 2005 in Seattle. They are looking for a sponsor (or a few sponsors) for a reception on March 14. If you are able to assist with sponsorship, contact: Kimberly Mills, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, OCE-082, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101 (206) 553-1193.

Northwest Region New Office. In mid-January, Northwest Region will be opening a satellite office in Gresham. The office will be located in the Gresham Corporate Center at 1550 NW Eastman Parkway. The office building is just across Eastman Parkway from Gresham City Hall and is one block north of the Gresham City Hall MAX station. The move was approved by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) even though there is a freeze on moving state offices. A Business Need and Cost Benefit Analysis submitted by Dennis Kirk / MSD and Ed Druback (NWR) demonstrated to DAS that NWR would be in a position to better serve customers from this location. This is true partly because there are more permitted facilities within 3 miles of this location than our current location. Furthermore, the difference in costs for leasing the Gresham space in comparison to our current location more than made up for the initial expenses of preparing the office and moving.

- MEMBER-TO-MEMBER -

EDUCATION

ArcGIS 9 Migration Course for Experienced ArcView 3.X Users (Course ID: GIS-406) presented by Northwest Environmental Training Center will be held November 19, 2004, 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. at the Allied Business Systems, Main Computer Classroom, 10604 NE 38th Place, Suite 118, Kirkland, Washington. Course Description: This 1-day hands on class will introduce experienced GIS users to ESRI's ArcGIS 9 software. Beginning with a discussion of the general enhancements and new terminology of ArcGIS 9, the course will move into teaching ArcGIS 9 functionality. Each participant will have their own computer workstation to create, edit, display and analyze real world environmental data during numerous hands on exercises.

Stormwater Treatment: How it Works (or Does It?) Stormwater Management, Inc. is pleased to announce that they will host a special two-day short course by Dr. Gary Minton, on February 22 – 23, 2005 in Portland, Oregon. Stormwater Treatment: How it works (or does it?) is based on his book, Stormwater Treatment: Biological, Chemical, and Engineering Principles, the first and only book that describes the underlying process involved in various stormwater treatment BMPs and their relationship to design criteria and performance – based on sound engineering and scientific principles. To learn more about this two-day course, please visit stormwaterinc.com.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Project Manager - National Environmental and Building Services Consulting firm ATC Associates currently has a position open for an experienced leader in our Portland office. The successful candidate will have developed a network of contacts and clients in one or more environmental, geotechnical, or building services fields, and will be responsible for staff mentoring, revenue generation, and participation in the office leadership team. General experience level for this position is 10-15 years, but consideration will be given for exceptional cases. ATC Associates offers a very competitive salary/benefits package, and the opportunity to grow in a flexible, team-oriented environment. Please contact the Branch Manager Mark Kemner with a letter of interest and resume at mark.kemner@atcassociates.com. ATC is an EOE employer.

Northwest Environmental Conference

A Forum for Practical Environmental Management



The Northwest Environmental Conference (NWECC)

is the largest, most comprehensive environmental conference and tradeshow in the Pacific Northwest. NWECC'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:

- NWECC tradeshow presented by the NEBC
- A pre-conference HAZWOPER training opportunity (Monday, November 15)
- 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

HAZWOPER MATERIALS TRAINING SEMINAR (Monday, November 15)

HAZWOPER First Response Operation Level / Refresher 8 Hours will be held in conjunction with the Northwest Environmental Conference. The HAZWOPER training complies with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120 for responders to release or potential releases of hazardous substances when part of the initial response to the site for the purpose of protecting nearby persons, property or the environment. Program highlights include: Hazardous Awareness; Toxic Substances; Personal Protective Equipment; Respiratory Protection; Air Monitoring Equipment; Survey and Reconnaissance; Site Control Work Zones; Confinement; Decontamination; and Practical Exercise. All day participation in this course will receive 1.0 IH CM point. SUCCEED SAFETY & HEALTH SERVICES, INC. is the instructing firm. For questions on class content, please contact Kerry Cooley at kerry@lossfree.com or at 503.362.2090.

November 16 & 17, 2004

DoubleTree Jantzen Beach Hotel
Portland, Oregon

Presented by:

Associated Oregon Industries

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of Ecology

Northwest Environmental
Business Council

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- NEBC 2004 EVENTS CALENDAR -

November			
3	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: Legislative Update	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
15	HAZWOPER Training	All Day	Double Tree Jantzen Beach – Portland, OR
16 - 17	Northwest Environmental Conference	All Day	DoubleTree Jantzen Beach – Portland, OR
December			
13	Cascade Chapter DEQ/NEBC Brownbag Discussion	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Stoel Rives LLP – Portland, Oregon

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