



E-News

“The Environment is our Business”

A publication of news and events affecting the Northwest environmental industry

- FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -

The fall is always a busy time for NEBC, so be sure to check the event calendar later in this newsletter and sync it with your own, so you don't miss out.

Washington gets NEBC staffer. Lauren Stolzman joined the NEBC staff at the beginning of this month. A long-time Seattle-area resident, one of Lauren's duties will be to help represent NEBC at various events and meetings in the Puget Sound area. My travel schedule won't diminish, but Lauren's presence will help expand the organization's reach and influence. She will also be doing member support. You can look forward to meeting her at a future luncheon or other event, and can reach her at lauren@nebc.org.

Energy committee to meet. After a fall hiatus, the Portland area energy committee will gather for a breakfast meeting on September 27. We will be discussing the outcomes of the last legislative session, what it really means for project development, and what still needs to be done. All are welcome. If you are not on the list (i.e., haven't gotten a meeting notice), contact the office. If you would like to help get a similar interest group established in the Seattle area, let me know. And planning for next April's energy conference will get under way soon, so let me know your interest in that as well.

National Brownfields Association (NBA) and NEBC form strategic alliance. As many of you may know, the National Brownfields Association has been working to establish state chapters in Oregon and Washington. While there is substantial member overlap between NEBC and NBA, our focuses are different (their emphasis is on supporting brownfields redevelopment transactions, our emphasis is on supporting the professionals who make them happen). However, the two organizations share a common interest in education and advocacy. To that end, NEBC and NBA have agreed to explore ways to work together to support the mission of brownfields redevelopment in the Northwest.

Northwest Environmental Summit (NWES) & Northwest Environmental Conference (NWEC). These two conferences and trade shows (NWES in Tacoma, NWEC in Portland) are THE hallmark events for the Northwest environmental industry. Some people wouldn't miss them, while others have never attended. If you're in the latter category, be sure to give them a look this year. The strength of the educational programs, attendance levels, and number of trade show booths keep on growing. These are highly affordable opportunities to stay on top of industry, meet new people, and connect with old friends.

Industry Survey. Oregon and Washington economic development agencies are collaborating on a survey of cleantech and sustainable businesses – including all members of the environmental sector. The Athena Institute is managing this survey that addresses your firm's current status, future plans, and what you need to grow. NEBC is a partner in this effort. Please take a few minutes to link to the survey below. All of your responses will be kept confidential. www.discoverbrilliant.com/survey.php

Managing Carbon: Policy & Practice. NEBC's new regional conference, scheduled for November 14 in Portland, is now open for registration. The agenda is finalized and speakers are being confirmed. We are excited to have Janet Peace of the Pew Center on Global Climate Change as the opening speaker. Check www.nebc.org for up-to-date information.

Robert Grott

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NEBC CONFERENCES, TRADE SHOWS & MEETINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Full list of NEBC events on page 7

October 3. Luncheon: Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products in Our Water. Caffeine, Codeine, and Conditioner - Are You Getting Your Daily Dose? Seattle. Rapidly evolving analytical techniques have started to detect a wide variety of chemicals in our waters that originate from pharmaceuticals and personal care products. Some of these are endocrine disrupting chemicals and the effects of others are not well understood. Learn about the types and levels found in waters in the Pacific Northwest and what they might mean to human health and the environment. Speakers for the luncheon are Melanie Redding, WA Ecology and Craig Riley, WA Dept. of Health.

October 11. Luncheon: High Performance Green Buildings. How Design Firms Can Play In This Rapidly Growing Market. Portland. Green Building is growing by leaps and bounds as awareness increases and concerns rise about our energy future. Green building involves more than just energy efficiency and materials selection. True high performance buildings result from an integrated design approach that evaluates all factors - from site selection to operations and maintenance. Our speakers will provide an overview of the market and how design firms can contribute to these projects. Speakers for the luncheon are Scott Lewis of Brightworks and Tom Archer of PBS Engineering.

Trade Show booths still available!
Contact Sue@nebc.org or www.nebc.org

October 17 & 18. Northwest Environmental Summit & Trade Show. Tacoma. The Summit is a "must attend" for all environmental professionals who need to stay ahead of environmental law, regulation, policy and

technology best practices. This conference promises a strong and diverse technical program, a basics track covering fundamentals of environmental management, stimulating discussions on emerging issues and a Trade Show to learn about the newest technologies and services available to help your company become more profitable and effective. Connect with new customers!

October 22 – 23. Assessment and Remediation of Oxygenates and Other Fuel Components. Portland.

The New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, American Petroleum Institute, and Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials, in association with the Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council and Northwest Environmental Business Council, have designed this two-day training course to enhance your professional awareness of technical issues related to assessment and remediation of oxygenates and other fuel components. An outstanding group of instructors composed of state and federal regulators, researchers, and private sector practitioners will present a balanced program offering both theoretical and field-based information covering site characteristics, remedial technology selection, design, and implementation. For more information and to download the registration form http://www.neiwpc.org/neiwpc_docs/oxygenates07portland.pdf.

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November 14. Managing Carbon: Policy & Practice. Portland. NEBC is presenting a conference for companies wanting to take steps to manage their carbon footprints. Check www.nebc.org for the agenda and more information.

December 6 & 7. Northwest Environmental Conference & Trade Show. Portland. The Northwest Environmental Conference (NWECC) is the largest, most comprehensive environmental conference and tradeshow in the Pacific Northwest. NWECC's goal is to provide Northwest businesses, agencies and other organizations with high-quality, low-cost environment training, information, discussion and networking opportunities. The Trade Show is a great marketing opportunity for your company. Put your company in front of over 400 environmental professionals and decision makers expected to attend the two day conference. Great booths are still available. Contact Sue@nebc.org.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Call for Abstracts. The Air & Waste Management Association's (A&WMA) 101st Annual Conference & Exhibition will be held in Portland, Oregon, June 24-27, 2008. On behalf of A&WMA, we are pleased to invite abstracts of original work on any environmental issue. Abstracts will be evaluated for: Technical quality; Relevance and significance to current environmental issues; Lack of commercialism. Abstracts may be submitted by using the online abstract submittal system at www.awma.org/ACE2008. **ABSTRACTS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 3, 2007.**

Environmental Health & Safety Program. Mt. Hood Community College. Gresham. Associate in Risk Management (ARM) courses begin September 25 – December 11. Classes are held Tuesdays from 6:00-8:00 pm at Mt. Hood Community College, Room: 220 Maywood Campus, (NE 102nd and NE Prescott). For registration call Javid Mohtasham, Ph.D., Coordinator, EHS Program, 503-491-7440, E-mail: javid.mohtasham@mhcc.edu, before September 26, 2006.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

September 13-14, The Business of Biofuels in the Pacific Northwest II. Gresham, OR. Presented by the Oregon Science & Technology Partnership and the Northwest Biofuels Association, this year's conference is a two day event bringing together biofuels industry members, researchers, policy makers, and interested parties throughout the Northwest. The first day will focus on the environmental and economic sustainability issues surrounding biofuels feedstocks and production processes. The second day will cover recent advances in biofuels production technologies, progress in growing local feedstocks, and an update on state and national legislation designed to promote the Northwest biofuels industry. Information at: www.nwbiofuels.org. Registration accepted at the door.

September 17-19. Discover Brilliant International Conference and Expo. Seattle. NEBC is one of the supporters of Discover Brilliant, the premiere event focused on the sustainable economy and the convergence of economics, environment and security. A roster of world class thought leaders and market makers are lining up to shed light on the revolution underway that brings more value with less impact to our Buildings, Businesses, Utilities, Communities, and Transportation. **SPECIAL RATE FOR NEBC MEMBERS & FRIENDS--\$200 off full conference!** As a sponsor and collaborator, NEBC has negotiated this special discount if you register by September 12th. Use Code DBNEBC in registration. Full information is at www.discoverbrilliant.com

September 26. Changing Transportation Solutions for the Columbia Corridor. Portland. Many of our transportation solutions focus on commuters, but freight transportation needs a different set of solutions. As the Portland Metro population hits the 2 million mark, it will become increasingly important to get people out of their cars and onto mass transit. But we will need different solutions to keep freight moving--UPS deliveries on Max won't work well. How do we effectively manage an increase in freight movement and an increase in population at a time when there's a shortage of money and public desire to build new freeways? Gail Achterman and Rex Burkholder will address the issue at the Hilton Garden Inn from 7:30AM – 9:00AM. For more information and to register contact Marissa King at 503-287-8686.

October 9-11. BBI Biofuels Western Region Workshop & Trade Show. Portland. The BBI Biofuels Workshop & Trade Show Series focuses on near-term development of commercial-scale ethanol and biodiesel production, and provides information and expertise that specifically targets regional challenges and opportunities for further development of the biofuels industry. Be part of a rapidly growing industry and network with current and future biofuels producers, industry suppliers, marketers, feedstock producers, policymakers, government officials, researchers and academia from your region. **Registration discount for NEBC and NWBA members.** For information and to register go to www.biofuelsworkshop.com

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October 10. A Common Path for Success + Sustainability. Portland. This one-day event will help individuals and leaders of business, government and educational institutions find the path which balances success and sustainability. For 10 years, The Oregon Natural Step Network has helped guide some of the region's most aggressive businesses along a path that preserves the environment and their bottom line. This path also enhances their competitive edge for the future. Learn how they are succeeding. For information and to register go to www.or-natural-step.org

November 8, 2007. Cleantech Investing in the Pacific Northwest. Seattle. A special one-day forum, hosted by Stoel Rives in cooperation with venture capital leader Nth Power, bringing together some of the top authorities on clean tech investment trends and the nation's growing clean energy industry. Keynote speakers include: Michael Eckhart, American Council on Renewable Energy; Ron Pernick, Clean Edge, Inc. cofounder and principal; coauthor, *The Clean Tech Revolution*; Dan Reicher, Google.org, Director of Climate Change and Energy Initiatives. For information and registration, go to www.stoel.com/cleantechinvesting

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

HYDROGEOLOGIST. Pacific Groundwater Group of Seattle, Washington seeks to hire a hydrogeologist with 2-5 years of experience. Our projects range from regional hydrologic characterizations to water supply development projects to remedial investigations of contaminated sites. We are looking for someone to join our team who has most of the following: Masters degree in hydrogeology, hydrology or closely-related field with focus on groundwater; Strong writing ability; Thorough knowledge of groundwater theory and well hydraulics; Theoretical and applied understanding of groundwater flow and contaminant transport modeling; Background in aqueous geochemistry, isotopes, and environmental geochemistry; Ability to discern what is important, to observe important details, to integrate details into a global understanding, and to communicate that information. If you are qualified and interested in immediate employment with Pacific Groundwater Group, please send a resume (email only) to: HR@pgwg.com Subject: Employment. **Pacific Groundwater Group**, 2377 Eastlake Ave. East, Seattle, WA 98102, P: (206) 329-0141 F: (206) 329-6968.

NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST 4. Whole Effluent Toxicity Technical Coordinator. OR DEQ. \$3,848 - \$5,631 Monthly. CLOSE: September 28 , 2007. LOCATION: Portland, Hillsboro. Announcement # LE070459. <http://www.deq.state.or.us/msd/hr/jobs.asp>.

NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST 2. OR DEQ. \$2,905 - \$4,229 monthly. Close: September 27, 2007 Location: Portland/Hillsboro. Announcement number: LE070505. <http://www.deq.state.or.us/msd/hr/jobs.asp>

INTERNSHIP

The Business Education Compact (BEC) is an Oregon program placing qualified educators and students in internship positions. They are looking to build links with all types of firms in the environmental industry. The educator program is for the summer months, while the student program is year-round. BEC functions as an employment agency, handling recruiting, qualifying, scheduling interviews, progress monitoring, etc. Hourly rates are based on the skill level involved and include all payroll management. For information, visit www.bedpdx.org or call Andrew Witt 503-646-0242 ext 22.

MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Associated Technologies Council. NEBC has partnered with the Associated Technologies Council (ATC) in order to allow you to participate in their employee benefits program. ATC provides employee benefits to companies in Computer Technology, Bioscience, Telecommunications and now Environmental Sciences. Because ATC is able to pool firms together across a wide spectrum of desirable industries, they are able to provide medical benefits up to 20% below what you are probably paying now. In addition, there are benefits available like, paperless enrollment, single invoice billing and COBRA administration all provided at no cost to you. Contact Tino Versoza, NEBC Benefits Representative (503) 626-9135 or email: tino@get-benefits.com for a free no obligation benefits analysis.

Financial Planning Services with Waddell & Reed. NEBC members receive at 20% discount on financial planning services provided by Waddell & Reed, a national financial planning firm founded in 1937. Planning services include retirement planning, wealth management, tax-efficient investing, education funding, estate protection, and succession planning for closely-held businesses. Other business services include retirement plans and financial education workshops. Contact Karen Einberger, Financial Advisor, Waddell & Reed, 206.283.6661 or keinberger@wradvisors.com.

Sustainable Industries Journal (SIJ). The premier magazine for sustainable business news on the West Coast. The NEBC member discount for the Sustainable Industries Journal is better than imagined – it's still a \$10 discount, but the new annual subscription rate is only \$39, that means that NEBC members can receive this new publication for only \$29/year! For more information look to: www.sijournal.com/prtnr

Oregon Insider. NEBC members may take advantage of a \$150 introductory rate for the first year (24 issues), a savings of \$95 off their regular base rate. In addition, NEBC members will enjoy an ongoing subscription rate of \$195 per year, which represents an ongoing savings of \$50 per year. To redeem your discount please contact Oregon Insider by calling David Light at 541.343.8504 or by email at epi@rio.com.

Northwest Environmental Training Center. NEBC has partnered with NWETC to offer our member companies an exceptional opportunity to provide continuing education to its employees at a 20% discount off the published rate on all of NWETC's technical training workshops, conferences, and seminars. For more information, visit their website <http://www.nwetc.org/> or contact Erick McWayne at 206-762-1976.

Environmental Expert. NEBC has teamed with Environmental Expert, the world's largest online marketplace and information resource serving the environmental industry. At a reduced rate of just \$1,700, NEBC members can become Bronze Sponsors and get a year's worth of cost-effective exposure to a targeted audience of over 400,000 environmental professionals. Additional levels of sponsorship and optional advertising opportunities are also available. www.environmental-expert.com For more information contact Tracy Barton, tracy@combined-resources.com.

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Northwest Environmental Business Council 2007 Events & Meeting Calendar

October			
3	Olympic Chapter Committee Meeting	10:00 AM – 11:30 PM	AGC – Seattle, WA
3	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products in Our Water	10:00 AM – 11:30 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA.
11	Cascade Chapter Committee Meeting	10:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Governor Hotel – Portland
11	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: High Performance Green Buildings	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Governor Hotel – Portland
17 & 18	Northwest Environmental Summit & Trade Show	All Day	Tacoma Convention Center – Tacoma, WA
22 & 23	Assessment and Remediation of Oxygenates and Other Fuel Components	All Day	Red Lion Hotel - Portland
November			
7	Olympic Chapter Committee Meeting	10:00 AM – 11:30 PM	AGC – Seattle, WA
7	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: Brownfields, Making Redevelopment Work	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
8	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Clean Technology Meets Industry – Policy and Technology Developments	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Governor Hotel – Portland, OR
14	Managing Carbon: Policy & Practice	All Day	DoubleTree Hotel, Lloyd Center – Portland
December			
5	Hazwoper Training	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Red Lion Hotel on the River – Portland, OR
6 & 7	Northwest Environmental Conference & Trade Show	All Day	Red Lion Hotel on the River – Portland, OR

*Event dates and topics subject to change.