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PAEP Annual Meeting and Conference a Success

The 2004 Annual Meeting and Conference was held June 9-11 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. For those that attended, it was filled with great technical sessions, opportunities for networking and socializing, and unbelievable food.

The Conference began with a Keynote Address from Gary Hoffman, Deputy Secretary for Highway Administration Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). He spoke of ways that PennDOT is working to ensure the stewardship of environmental resources within project areas. Many of PennDOT's Engineering Districts are now ISO 14000



*Eric Buncher, President of PAEP
(left) and Gary Hoffman (right)*



certified. Mr. Hoffman explained the process and how it affects the way PennDOT operates.

The Evening Reception and Bar-B-Q was held on the balcony of

the lodge, overlooking the ski slopes of Seven Springs. The event was sponsored by Heritage Environmental Services.



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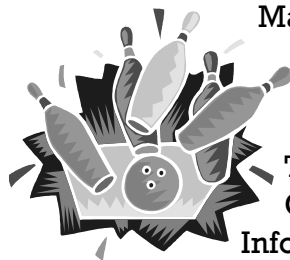
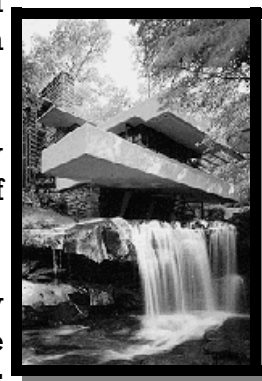


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PAEP Annual Conference

Golfers braved the rain on Thursday afternoon, while other attendees got a tour of Fallingwater. Still others took a tour (and significant samples) at Glades Pike Winery. The Vendor Reception Thursday evening gathered consultants, vendors, and non-profit groups together for a great networking experience.



Many of the attendees took up a bowling challenge Thursday evening, where the average score was very close to the golf scores earlier in the day.

The Karl Mason Award was given to the Westmoreland County Conservation District, and Mr. Dan Kunkle of the Wildlife Information Center. The luncheon for the Karl Mason Award was sponsored by McCormick Taylor, Inc.

PAEP would like to offer a special thank you to all the Corporate Sponsors who generously donated funding for the conference:

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Eric Buncher, Dan Kunkle, and Geanine Fair at the Karl Mason Luncheon.

Thanks also go out to McCormick Taylor, Inc., ms consultants, inc., and Camp, Dresser & McKee for donating the use of projectors for the technical sessions.

The PAEP would like to thank the committee members, as well as their companies for their time and effort planning this conference. The 2004 Conference Planning Committee was Co-Chaired by John Burglund (Wallace & Pancher, Inc.), and Amy Conley (Heritage Environmental Services). Members of the committee included: Wendell Barner (Camp, Dresser & McKee), Dan Campbell (University of Pittsburgh), Gus

Drizos (KCI Technologies), Carlos Escalante (McCormick Taylor, Inc.), Geanine Fair (Camp, Dresser & McKee), Mark Fedosick (ms consultants, inc.), Jenn Granger (McCormick Taylor, Inc.), Brian Pancher (Wallace & Pancher, Inc.), Stacy Richards (SEDA-Council of Governments), Tammy Sherwin (Whitman, Requardt and Associates), and Dan Wallace (Wallace & Pancher, Inc.).



GOV. RENDELL AWARDS \$16.6 MILLION FOR PETROLIA AREA PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

PETROLIA, BUTLER COUNTY: Governor Edward G. Rendell today awarded \$16.6 million under Pennsylvania's Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act to help finance the construction of a public water system that will provide safe drinking water to more than 900 homes, businesses and institutions in the Petroleum Valley in northeastern Butler County.

"This is the largest hazardous sites cleanup project ever in Pennsylvania, with the total cost projected upward of \$40 million," Governor Rendell said. "It is an investment in the health of the people who live here. We are committed to making sure the residents of this valley will never again have concerns about the safety of the water coming out of their taps."

The hazardous sites cleanup program has been providing bottled water to residents without charge since March 2002 after it was discovered that their water wells were contaminated. The well contamination was linked to the historic dumping of industrial waste at approximately 24 sites in Butler and Armstrong counties.

"A system that provides a reliable source of safe, clean water could have an economic ripple effect," Governor Rendell said. "A public water system will likely increase property value in this region. Home insurance costs potentially could drop since fire protection will be significantly improved through fire hydrants. Residents will be able to buy and sell homes with confidence, knowing that contaminated water will not be an issue. A public water system also could encourage economic development—the potential for new businesses and employers to move into the valley, providing jobs and expanding the tax base."

The water system grant was awarded to the Petroleum Valley Regional Water Authority, which represents every impacted municipality in the Petrolia area. The grant allows the authority to move forward with bidding and construction of the new system. The grant will cover the cost of installing a booster pump station, storage tank and distribution system totaling nearly 30 miles, including a 1,000-foot crossing under the Allegheny River. The construction phase is expected to last 12 to 15 months.

Remediation of the first of two dozen disposal areas began last year at the Apple Road site and will resume later this month. Workers will install an impermeable liner and drainage system at Apple Road to prevent further contamination of the groundwater. In addition, this summer the Department of Environmental Protection will conduct investigations into all of the disposal areas, and within the next year will do cleanup work at two more locations, at Kelly Farm and Hemlock Road.

Besides the grant, about \$1 million has been spent so far in the hazardous sites cleanup response, including \$487,778 in bottled water costs.

Highlighting the strategic importance that clean and healthy water resources have in protecting public health and ensuring Pennsylvania remains economically competitive, Governor Rendell's proposed 2004-05 budget proposes to improve watersheds, protect the environment, revitalize communities and create jobs.

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NEW PAEP MEMBERS

NEW GENERAL MEMBERS:

Molly Kantorik Duda – Molly is a new Western Section member who resides in Champion, Pennsylvania. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Studies and Environmental Planning from Slippery Rock University. Ms. Duda is an Environmental Scientist at Fayette Engineering Co., Inc., in Uniontown.

Dan R. Kunkle – Dan is a new Eastern Section member who also received the Karl Mason Award at this years Annual Meeting and Conference for his contribution toward establishment of the Wildlife Information Center and for their successful program to restore ecological integrity to Blue Mountain in the vicinity of the Palmerton Zinc Superfund site. Dan has Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Biology from Kutztown University. A former High School Biology Teacher, Mr. Kunkle is currently Executive Director of the Wildlife Information Center in Slatington (Lehigh Gap), Pennsylvania.

Kara H. Russell – Kara is a new Central Section member who has a Master of Arts degree in Urban Affairs and Public Policy from the University of Delaware. She is a member of Preservation Pennsylvania and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Many PAEP members may be familiar with Ms. Russell who is an Historic Preservation Specialist with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in Harrisburg.

Alicia Smith – Alicia is a new Eastern Section member who has a Bachelor of Science in Earth and Atmospheric Sciences from the Georgia Institute of Technology. In addition to PAEP, Alecia is a member of the PA/NJ Society of Women Environmental Professionals (SWEP). Ms. Smith is a Graduate Geologist at URS in Blue Bell.

NEW STUDENT MEMBERS:

Kevin Rucker – Kevin is a new Central Section student member who is currently pursuing Bachelor of Science degrees in Biology and Ecology at West Chester University. His specialties include aquatics, habitat assessment and biomonitoring. Mr. Rucker is from Littlestown, Pennsylvania.

Lyle Raymond Harvey – Lyle is a new Eastern Section student member who is currently pursuing his Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies from King's College. Mr. Harvey resides in Sweet Valley, Pennsylvania.



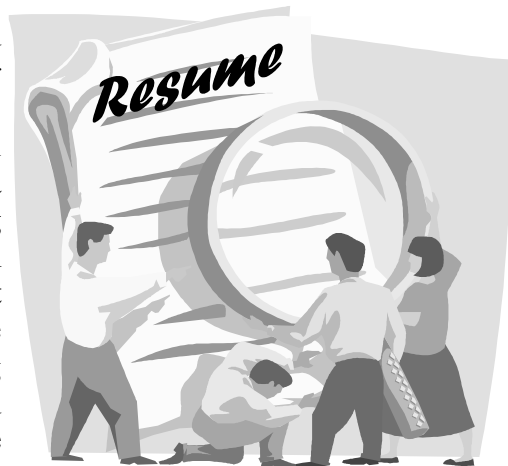
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Searching for that Perfect Employee or Perfect Job?? PAEP can now HELP

PAEP Retains MBA Management to Provide Comprehensive Employment Services to the Membership

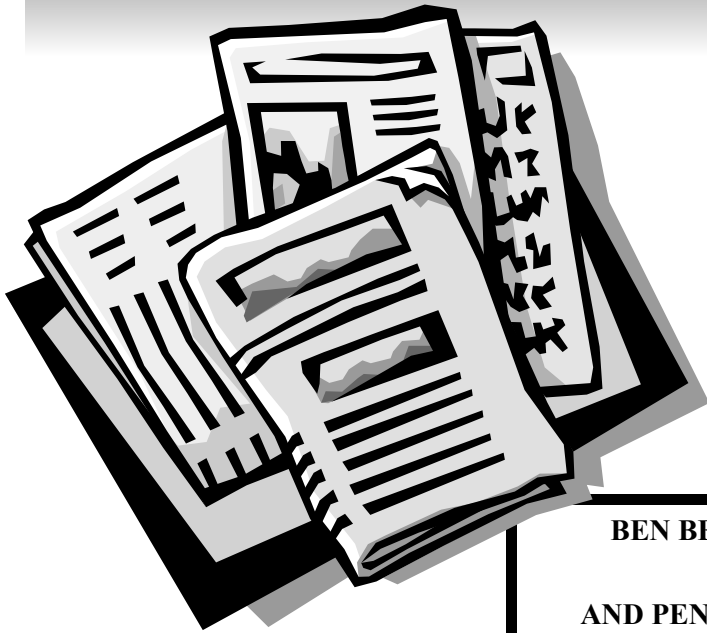
We at MBA Management thank the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals for the opportunity to enhance the benefits of participating in PAEP through offering employment services to both individual and corporate members. Headquartered in Chantilly, VA, our company is ranked as one of the top 50 search firms nationwide. Since 1974, we have served individuals and businesses alike with a comprehensive level of support that goes beyond the scope of a mere recruitment agency. For the last 30 years "unlocking potential," has been MBA Management's mission. Through each of our service lines, including professional staffing, contract employment and business consulting, we do everything possible to become partners with our candidates and clients. By providing responsive insightful career assistance to our candidates, and innovative solutions to our clients, the relationships we forge between these groups evolves into a true partnership, unlocking the full potential of all involved.



We believe our approach sets MBA Management apart from other staffing firms. Our key focus remains the relationships we establish between our candidates and clients ; the extensive knowledge and industry experience we impart; and the flexibility we offer in our programs and our partnerships. Our aggressive, "whatever it takes" philosophy rings soundly throughout our company, and it shows in the caliber of service we provide. Many companies can place a person into a job. It is only by placing the right person into the right job that a relationship can be called a success, and it is this philosophy that drives our business. As you may have guessed, MBA Management is not your average staffing firm. We don't inundate candidates with scores of job opportunities that may or may not suit them. By the same token, we don't bombard our client companies with dozens of resumes for each position. We do our homework to help ensure that qualified candidates are matched with qualified job leads. It's only when both parties are happy that the relationship can be called a perfect fit, it's only then that we consider ourselves successful. Much of MBA Management's long-term success can be attributed to our ability to serve candidates and companies equally well.

What this means to the membership of PAEP, both individual and corporate, is when you call upon us to assist in searching for a new opportunity or assist in searching for a new employee you will get our full attention and we will fulfill your need. Environmental applications represent a substantial portion of our business and we have extensive connections both in Pennsylvania and nationally. So where ever you need is we will satisfy it.

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TRADE TALK

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

The Watershed Assistance Center (WAC) of Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC) recently received a Western Pennsylvania Environmental Award in the Community Category. They were selected from among 60 applicants and speaks to WPC's extensive community outreach efforts in the area of watershed protection and restoration. WAC was founded on WPC's commitment to partner with local groups to address watershed issues. Since 1991, they have provided technical assistance to more than 200 different groups comprised of schools, municipalities and conservation organizations and responded to more than

BEN BERRA IS RECOGNIZED BY U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

AND PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION AS A QUALIFIED BOG TURTLE SURVEYOR

Threatened and Endangered Species Specialists Investigate and Assess

Bog Turtle Habitats

HARRISBURG, PA – April 19, 2004 – Skelly and Loy, Inc. is proud to announce that **Ben Berra** has earned the designation of Qualified Bog Turtle Surveyor for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Mr. Berra joins **Teresa M. McElhenny** and **Andrew M. Brookens**, Skelly and Loy threatened and endangered species specialists, who are already recognized on Pennsylvania's list of Qualified Bog Turtle Surveyors.

SAUL EWING UTILITY PRACTICE CONTINUES TO GROW

Firm Expands Harrisburg Office with the Addition of John J. Gallagher

John J. Gallagher has joined the Utility Regulation, Commerce, and Development Practice Group of Saul Ewing LLP. Mr. Gallagher comes to Saul Ewing as a Partner and brings nearly 30 years of utility law experience to the Firm.

Mr. Gallagher's practice has centered on administrative and civil litigation at the trial and appellate levels before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance, and the Pennsylvania state and federal courts for over 30 years

Mr. Gallagher received his bachelor's degree from Mount Saint Mary's College and a law degree from Creighton University School of Law, where he was a member of the *Law Review*. He is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania.



Ruggiero Development Group Selects Mid-Atlantic Associates, Inc. for Act 2 Services for Townhouse Development In Philadelphia

Ruggiero Development Group (Media, PA) selected Mid-Atlantic Associates, Inc. to address environmental issues for a planned residential tract on a former industrial site in the Queen Village neighborhood of Philadelphia .

Ruggiero Development Group is developing a residential community on a 1 3/4 acre mixed-use parcel at the intersection of Christian & Swanson Sts. in the Queen Village section of Philadelphia. Ruggiero retained Mid-Atlantic Associates, Inc., of Colmar, PA to provide environmental site investigation services in preparation to build a fifty townhome community. Mid-Atlantic addressed soil and groundwater issues from previous operations under the Pennsylvania Act 2 program. As part of their site investigation, Mid-Atlantic provided a detailed site investigation and site characterization for eventual Release of Liability through the Pennsylvania Act 2 Land Recycling Program. Mid-Atlantic provided sampling and analyses of soil and groundwater and prepared a report detailing soil and groundwater issues on the site. The report also included an evaluation of remedial alternatives and associated costs. To obtain the Release of Liability, Mid-Atlantic submitted a request to the PA Department of Environmental Protection for a non-use aquifer determination. A vapor intrusion study was also required.

A Release of Environmental Liability and avoidance of deed restrictions are the ultimate goals of this phase of the project. The Site Characterization report was completed in Mid-February 2004.

Mid-Atlantic is an environmental firm headquartered in Raleigh, NC with a local Pennsylvania office located on Advance Lane in Colmar, PA. Call 610-935-1021 for further information.

New Arrivals at Mid-Atlantic Associates, Inc.

The Pennsylvania Office (Colmar, PA) of Mid-Atlantic Associates, Inc. would like to announce that Jennifer Siniscalchi, Amy Hester and Michael Roscoe, P.G. has joined their staff. Jennifer Siniscalchi is an environmental scientist in the firm's Pennsylvania office.

Jennifer's responsibilities will be to implement and oversee environmental field investigations, data analyses and review and prepare technical reports for Mid-Atlantic's insurance firm, developer, bank, and industrial clients. Jennifer graduated from the State University of New York and expects her M.S. in Geology by the spring of 2004. Jennifer's graduate work has focused on groundwater flow and contaminant transport.

Amy Hester is an environmental scientist in the Pennsylvania office as well. Amy's responsibilities will be to conduct site assessments, regulatory compliance management, corrective action oversight, UST management and groundwater studies for Mid-Atlantic's insurance firm, developer, bank, and industrial clients. Amy graduated from the University of Kansas and has worked for a California consulting firm on numerous environmental projects.

Michael Roscoe, P.G. is a senior Project Manager at their Pennsylvania office. Mr. Roscoe has more than 30 years of applied environmental engineering, program and project management, commercial and industrial site assessment and development and hydro geologic assessment and remediation experience. He has been involved landfill design and permitting as well as beneficial reuse and brownfield redevelopment projects. He has worked closely with the various regional, state and local regulatory agencies, clients and communities to help solve environmental problems. Mr. Roscoe is a Registered Professional Geologist in the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware and Virginia. Prior to this, Mr. Roscoe managed the Langhorne, PA office of Foster Wheeler Environmental.



MORE TRADE TALK

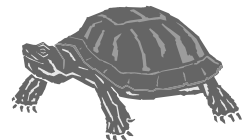
Langan Engineering & Environmental Services' Employees Join with Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, March 27, 2004 started out as a rainy day but that did not dampen the spirits of about two dozen employees and friends of Langan Engineering & Environmental Services, Inc. of Doylestown, is a multi-disciplined consulting engineering firm, who spent the day working at the Bucks County Habitat for Humanity site in Trumbauersville, PA. Langan is a member of the Home Builders Association (HBA) of Bucks and Montgomery Counties and it was HBA who initiated the Habitat Blitz Build to which the Langan volunteers responded. This was a well-organized effort to assist Habitat in finishing Phase I of the Emerald Hollow site in Trumbauersville. The site consists of 36 townhouses. Workers were separated into various groups doing grading, planting trees, painting, cleaning up the site and generally helping where needed. Ed Geibert and Michelle Smyser of Langan worked alongside an owner of one of the homes and they both agreed it felt good to know who they were helping. "It was an excellent experience and really nice to spend some time with co-workers outside of the office doing something for others", said Darren Hopper, an environmental scientist with Langan. Everyone agreed lunch was great. A turkey barbecue was provided by R & R Carolina Pork BBQ Company of Quakertown. R & R did the cooking on site and added a festive touch to the hard work being done.

Over 100 HBA member companies responded to the Habitat Blitz Build during the three days from March 25 to 27, 2004 by providing goods or services. All exterior work has been completed. HBA members will complete the interior work making the units ready for occupancy in May. Those wishing to volunteer for Habitat are urged to contact the Habitat office in Doylestown at 215-348-2204.

Congratulations to Jay Drasher a newly recognized bog turtle surveyor

Aqua-Terra Environmental Ltd. would like to announce that Jay Drasher was recently added to the agencies' list of recognized qualified bog turtle surveyors.





SAY CHEESE!





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PAEP Retains MBA Management to Provide Comprehensive Employment Services to the Membership

As an individual member who is in need of finding a new career opportunity you will receive our complete and undivided attention. The MBA Associate you will work with will be well versed in your particular area of expertise and will make you aware of all of the possibilities open to you. In addition our Associates will coach you on not only finding a new job but will guide you toward obtaining the best career opportunity. You will receive expert coaching on researching the prospective employer, and preparing yourself for the interview so that you get the result you want, an acceptable offer. The Associate will also advise you when it is decision time to insure that you consider all variables to insure you make the best choice in selecting your new position. Our goal is to offer you the most thorough and effective service possible.

Corporate Members will also benefit from the partnership between MBA and PAEP. We will work with corporate members on a retainer basis. This separates us from the majority of recruiting firms in this arena. The basic premise of "Contingency Search" is that it doesn't lock the recruiting firm into performing. Contingency by it's nature allows recruiters to take the path of least resistance so if your requirement is difficult to fill they'll move on to what's easier rather than going the extra yard to locate the candidate you desire. As a Retained Client you will have our committed and undivided attention. In addition the retainer allows us to employ and support a well trained and experienced research staff who thoroughly performs the due diligence to identify the best possible candidate to recruit for you, not just those who are currently on the market. As an MBA retained client and a member of PAEP you are assured of finding and hiring the very best candidate possible.

The Practice Director for this partnership between PAEP and MBA Management and your contact person is Bill Rogers. Bill has been successful in the Personnel Consulting business for 38 years. He received the designation of Certified Personnel Consultant (CPC) in 1974 and is well versed in the Engineering Consulting industry having grown up in a family of Civil Engineers. If you have any questions or needs please contact Bill and he will see to it that you are served. Contact Bill Rogers at; MBA Management, 703-273-0028 ext.243 or brogers@mbamgmt.com to insure that you receive the full benefit of your membership in the Pennsylvania Association of Environmental Professionals. You must be a member of PAEP to qualify for benefits under our retainer agreement.

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GOV. RENDELL AWARDS PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

Under Governor Rendell's proposed 2004-05 budget, funds from a bond issue would be used to stabilize and expand two key programs: Growing Greener, an initiative begun under Governor Tom Ridge that improves the environment; and the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund, signed into law by Governor Robert P. Casey to clean up the worst hazardous sites. The \$800 million bond would be distributed among three areas over four years:

- \$330 million for parks, open space and farmland.
- \$300 million for environmental cleanup.
- \$170 million to revitalize older communities.

The Governor's leadership is a lifeline for the hazardous sites cleanup program. The program's fund, which is the primary funding source for brownfield redevelopment projects, faces an uncertain fiscal future. The fund is drying up as the Legislature voted in 2002 to turn off the flow from the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax, the previously dedicated funding source for HSCA. Without new revenue, the program will be bankrupt in the coming fiscal year. The Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund has invested more than \$250 million in remediation work at hundreds of hazardous



Bog Turtle Program Update

On June 16th and 17th, PAEP's Bog Turtle Programs Committee held Part II of the training course entitled "Bog Turtles and the Environmental Review Process in Pennsylvania – What Consultants Should Know". Part II was held in the area of Middle Creek and it served as a refresher course for conducting Phase 1 bog turtle habitat surveys in Pennsylvania. It was held to reinforce the lessons learned in Part I session held last October and to complete PAEP's first short course pilot program.

Instructor, Chris Urban of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, provided a continuation of his lecture on bog turtles, ecology and seasonal variations found within bog turtle wetland habitats. Instructor, Carole Copeyon of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, led the class through an additional project case study, illustrating how consultants need to work with their clients and resource agencies when dealing with the potential of having bog turtles. Field operations leader, Jay Drasher of Aqua Terra, kept the class on schedule with visits to new and previously viewed wetland sites that represent good, marginal, and poor habitats with reference to bog turtles.

Program Chair, Bill Zemaitis of Gannett Fleming, said that tries to capture the essence of the program with slogans. Part I's slogan, He said, "It doesn't get any better than this!", cited how PAEP landed the key agency representatives as instructors. For Part II, with fervor for the practice of herpetology and the required close examination of wetland characteristics, Bill said: "Above all, you have to look around!" Although he did not seem to like the new slogan all that much, the instructors did, and he could not find a better one... so there it is, Bill!

Our first program classroom and fieldwork is now complete; however, exams must still be graded and the committee must consider the course reviews before planning anything further. This work will hopefully be finished by fall. Those interested in this course should notify PAEP by sending your contact information to Elaine Farrell (Email: efarrell@farrell-assoc.com), to be put on the mailing list). Please be aware that this coursework is specifically limited to environmental professionals with certain qualifications and the cost is approximately \$500. PAEP thanks everyone for supporting this training program. If you can identify a need for another program of this kind, in another subject area, and can help put something together, please let us know.

Do you need a new or updated SPCC plan?

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires facilities that use, manage and store oil to prepare and implement Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plans. The SPCC requirements apply to most facilities that have total aboveground oil storage capacity of 1,320 gallons or more.

On July 17, 2002 EPA announced over 100 pages of amendments to the existing SPCC rules. This final rule incorporates revisions proposed in 1991, 1993 and 1997. The amendments include expansion, modification, and clarification of the requirements for SPCC Plans and Facility Response Plans. As a result of these changes, facilities that have existing SPCC Plans must update them to comply with the new regulations by August 17, 2004. A professional engineer must certify the upgraded SPCC Plans. The SPCC amendments require that facility management must review and approve the upgraded SPCC Plans, and provide a commitment of the manpower and equipment needed for implementation.

The EPA amendments are not limited to spill planning. Some facilities will be required to modify their petroleum storage and distribution equipment and spill control systems to comply with more stringent requirements under the amended SPCC regulations. Facility upgrades must be fully implemented by February 18, 2005.

Strict deadlines are fast approaching:

- Modified SPCC Plans for existing facilities: August 17, 2004.
- Plan implementation, including facility modifications and upgrades: February 18, 2005.
- SPCC Plans and implementation for new facilities: February 18, 2005.

The above deadlines reflect extensions recently granted by EPA. It is unlikely that EPA will extend the deadlines again. This information was provided by Alternative Environmental Solutions, Inc. (AES). If you have additional questions or would like a summary of the amendments, contact AES at 717-738-7272 or aes1@altenv.com.

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