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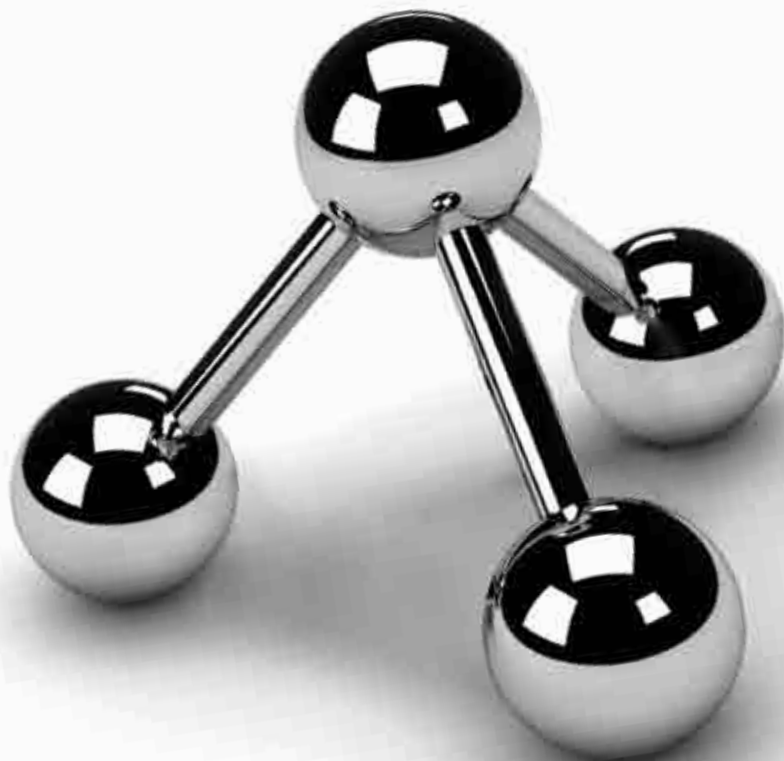


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An Action-packed Meeting

By Beth Vogt



Central States Water Environment Association members take action every day protecting communities and the environment, and I am thrilled to be a part of such an incredible group. The 84th Annual Conference of CSWEA in Minnesota was a great opportunity to share actions, experiences, and technologies to advance our knowledge toward fulfilling our shared mission. It was also a chance to get together with old and new friends while enjoying interesting and fun activities. I would like to thank Jim Miller and the conference committee chairs including Sandy Mass, Jason Benson, and Kevin Regan as well as the many other committee members (John Center, Todd Carlson, Greg Guerrero, Susan Danzl, Rachel Radloff, Bill Johnson, Keith Redmond, Bill Spain, Tracy Hodel, Steve Reusser, Rick Manner, Pavel Hajda, Trevor Ghylin, and Bill Boyle) who worked to provide an excellent experience for everyone. The conference was a great success from start to finish.

We certainly began and ended our conference in interesting and appropriate ways with our opening and closing speakers (Cindy Hagley and Chris Kleist) giving us insights into the unique environments of Lake Superior and the Boundary Waters and the impacts human activities have on these special places. The weather was perfect for our outdoor events – the golf, sporting clays, and 5K run/walk. Thanks to all of our conference and special event sponsors. I would also like to thank all the exhibitors and presenters for sharing their experiences and technologies to advance the knowledge of all attending. I am always impressed by the work everyone is doing, how much there continually is to learn, and the willingness of people to share their knowledge. Speaking of sharing, CSWEA was able to raise nearly \$800 for Water For People through buy-ins at the Tuesday night Poker Tournament and the Silent Auction. Thanks to all the St. Cloud Technical College Students for running the poker tables and those who donated to the silent auction.

In touring the State Section meetings, it was obvious that each of the sections is working hard to support the membership with events, award nominations, and monitoring regulatory changes. At the Annual Luncheon, our WEF visitor, Ed McCormick, provided us with insights into the strategic direc-

tion of WEF and the new WEF Executive Director, Jeff Eger. New officers were elected, including Patti Craddock as 2nd Vice President and Jeff Mayou as PWO Representative at the Annual Business Meeting. Congratulations to these exceptional individuals – I look forward to serving with you. Thanks to the executive committee leaders, Jim Miller and Charlie LaRocca, who have completed their terms. I hope you will continue to lend us your knowledge in the future. To support CSWEA in meeting the needs of the membership, a vote was taken and passed at the Business Meeting to increase active, PWO, corporate, and dual member dues from \$20 to \$25, beginning in January 2012. The Annual Banquet featured the WEF and CSWEA award presentations by Scott Trotter, WEF Board of Trustees member, and Jim Miller. Congratulations to all the award winners! Your service deserves recognition, and I hope you take the time to let your organizations and communities know of these honors. The evening was capped off with dancing and karaoke. I learned that many of you are very good singers, and it is confirmed that I really am not!

Finally, my most sincere gratitude to Eric, Anne, Elaine, and Emily Lecuyer for all they do to organize and implement the mission of CSWEA all year long. Many thanks! The whole Lecuyer family was in motion throughout the conference to keep things going smoothly. Many past presidents have told me how critical Eric has been to their success. I can see how fortunate I am, and all of us are, to have Eric keeping CSWEA on track, focused, and organized. When you get a chance, please take some time to thank the Lecuyer family as well.

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Just before our entertainment, Jim Miller “carefully” passed me the red suspenders and gavel. I am truly honored to serve as president of CSWEA. In accepting this honor, I indicated that to me it is about actions, and that CSWEA has always represented service in action to me. In keeping with that view, it is my goal to focus on action in my term as president. There are many great events that CSWEA and the state sections host every year and I hope to see many of you at these activities. On July 21 and 22, we will hold CSX’2011 at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. I encourage all committee members to participate in this exchange and for everyone to offer ideas to the leadership as we look for more ways to support the membership. These discussions lead to new and improved events such as the 2011 YP Leadership Academy.

My involvement with CSWEA over the years has been very rewarding, allowing me to develop many friendships, learn from exceptional individuals, and support our industry. I recognize everyone has many priorities pulling at their limited time. However, supporting the individuals who perform a noble profession every day through this great organization is a valuable use of our time. I encourage everyone to find one action you can take – a committee to participate in, a young professional to encourage to be active, an additional event to attend, or a deserving individual/organization to nominate for an award – and take the time to do it. I plan to take these actions myself. [CS](#)

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Please Come to CSX!

Eric R. Lecuyer



One of the most critical events hosted by CSWEA each year is what's known as CSWEA-CSX (Committee and Section Exchange), and you are all invited! CSX literally is a strategic planning event and our most successful past events have helped shape our association. This event was started under the leadership of Scott Trotter when he was president, and the format and central, (WI Dells) location is intended to make it possible for folks to attend either or both of the two half-day sessions. CSX'11 will kick off at noon on Thursday, July 21 with a working lunch and recess at around 5:00 p.m. That evening we'll host a 6:00 p.m. pizza party for all attendees, along with their guests. Friday morning we will reconvene at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at noon. As I understand it, there is often a gathering of CSXers at one of the adult beverage establishments on the property where allegedly most of the best ideas are hatched. (Somebody should take notes; wet bar napkins covered with some form of hieroglyphics don't count.) Whether these are truly good ideas or not, the opportunity for networking and interaction with other CSWEA leaders is not to be missed. Did I mention that CSX is hosted at the Kalahari Resort at the Wisconsin Dells? Folks attending are encouraged to bring along their families for a little mini-vacation and fun in the water park and connected indoor amusement park where there is plenty of fun and games for all to enjoy. CSX is open to all CSWEA members. All CSWEA and Section leaders, including officers, committee chairs and committee members are encouraged to attend.

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In the past, CSX has tackled a range of topics and produced a number of great ideas, actionable ideas to better serve our membership and strengthen our association. At CSX'11, CSWEA President Beth Vogt, along with 1st Vice President Randy Wirtz, wish to focus on a limited number of topics, most importantly in re-tooling our annual meetings. While our annual meetings remain strong, we recognize the need to change with the times and that the annual meeting model that has been followed for as long as anyone can remember may no longer serve our members, exhibitors and presenters in the most effective and efficient manner. The ongoing economic downturn resulting in limited travel and training budgets as well as the association landscape have combined to increase competition for our members' attention. With WEFTEC being hosted in Chicago every other year beginning in 2013, we will face additional and very formidable competition for our travel and training/marketing and business development dollars.

Re-tooling the annual meeting has been a topic of discussion for years and

that discussion has been driven in the most part due to dissatisfaction over one thing or another; not enough traffic in the exhibit area, too many things going on at once, not enough sessions for collection system or treatment plant operators, to name a few. Some ideas have been bandied about over the years: Change the format, revise how technical papers are solicited, or host the annual meeting in a centrally located venue each year. Some of those ideas may have value, but they need to be fully analyzed with the pros and cons carefully considered to assure that the best interest of the association and its members are served. Our association must book venues three years out from each annual meeting, and much of the format of each annual meeting is cast with that booking. So as with any successful transition, progressive change will likely occur incrementally, rather than through abrupt and radical change. As a mentor of mine often states, evolution, not revolution, breeds success. You can have a voice in this discussion by attending CSX'11. Remember, you are all invited and we look forward to seeing you there. [CS](#)

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All Central States leaders, CSWEA officers, Section officers and committee chairs and members, as well as any interested or involved members, should plan to attend our seventh annual Committee and Section Exchange and Young Professional Exchange, CSWEA CSX&YPX'11. The dates are July 21-22, 2011 and will once again be held at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. The event is designed to provide for the informal exchange of ideas between Sections and committees over two half-days, beginning at noon on Thursday and ending at noon on Friday. The focus of the agenda will be on retooling our committees and major events to make them more meaningful to our members. In addition to the working sessions, ample time is set aside for networking and social time. The meeting is arranged so that family members can take advantage of the water park while mom or dad attends to CSWEA business. Central States provides a pizza party for everyone on Thursday evening. Make your plans to attend now, and feel free to contact President Beth Vogt or Executive Director Eric Lecuyer for additional information.

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Again this year, CSWEA YPX'11, (Young Professionals Exchange) will be incorporated as part of CSX on Friday, July 22, but all are invited to participate in both days of the event. Contact Rich Hussey for additional information or to suggest topics to be covered at YPX'11. [CS](#)



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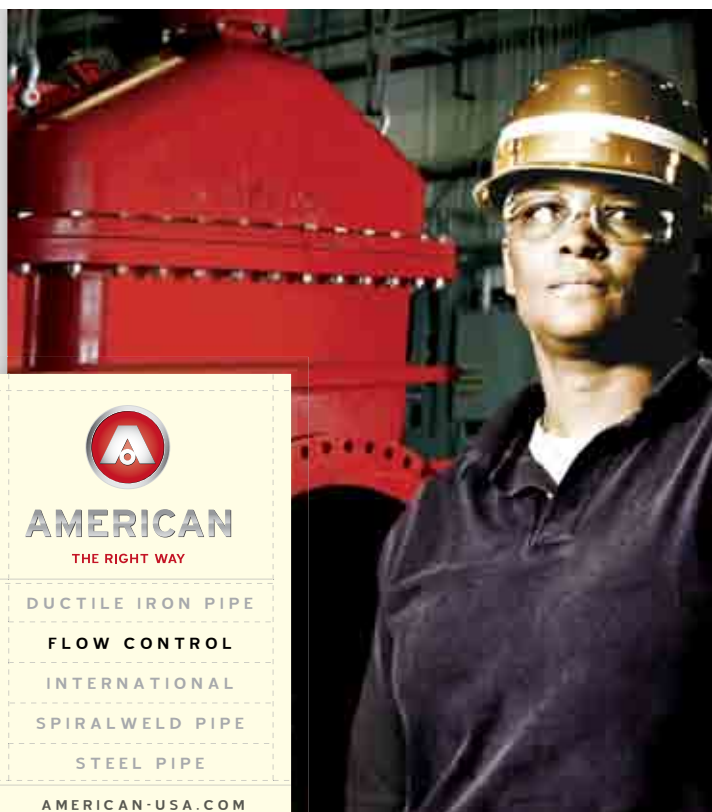



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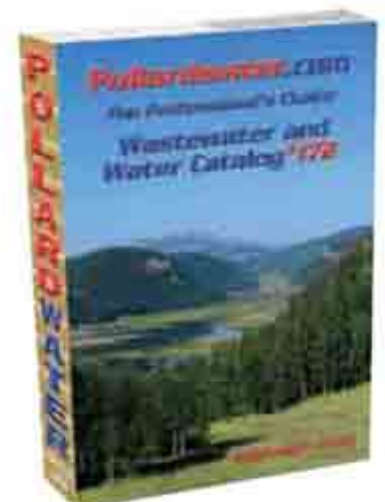
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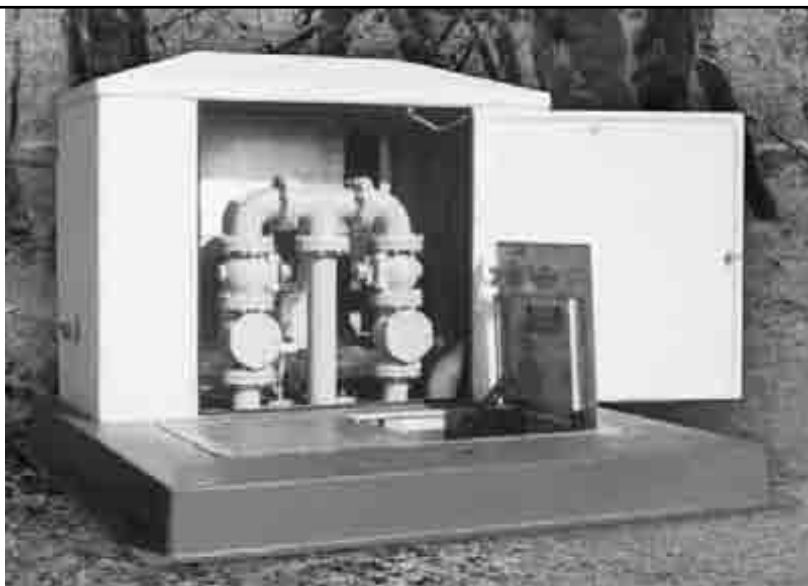
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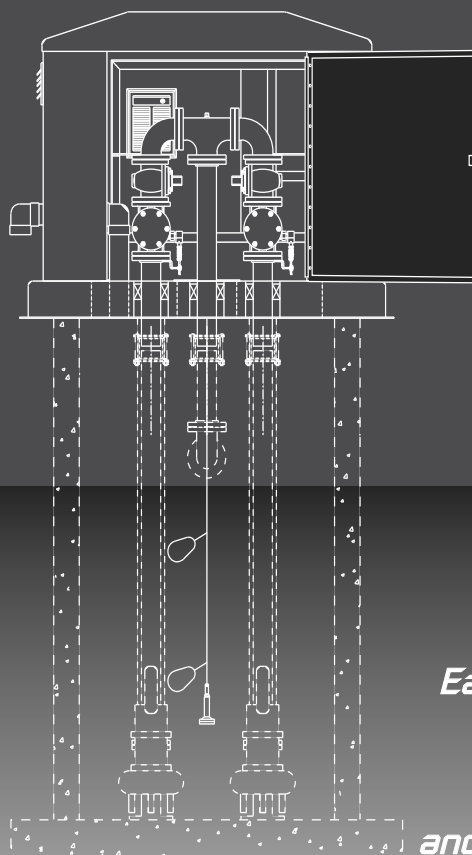
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The 2011 Education Seminar featured national and regional experts from various universities, wastewater utilities, and consulting engineers, primarily focused on the central topic of activated sludge in our wastewater industry. The keynote message was on the future of activated sludge, as it relates to energy efficiency and effluent quality. Other main topics focused on ways to enhance the activated sludge process through new technologies such as integrated fixed film systems and membrane bioreactors. The topic of emerging contaminants and their fate through the activated sludge system was also discussed. The 16th Annual Education Seminar was one of the most memorable and the proceedings can be found at www.cswea.org/papers.

If you missed the 16th Education Seminar, you will not want to miss the 17th, next April 3, 2012 again at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison, WI to hear experts who will explore current issues related nutrient removal.



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CSWEA'S 2ND ANNUAL DIGESTER FOAMING WORKSHOP



CSWEA's 2nd Anaerobic Digester Foaming Workshop

was hosted by Strand Associates at their Madison, WI office on April 20, 2011. The purpose of the workshop was to have a meeting of wastewater professionals to discuss anaerobic digester foaming, monitoring, and methods tried to correct foaming problems. The goals were to: determine causes of anaerobic digester foam, determine mitigation methods, and determine what others have done to monitor and attempt to correct foaming problems. Following a review of the results of the 2011 digester foaming survey provided by Randy Wirtz, brief case studies were presented documenting the occurrences, potential causal factors, and mitigation efforts. During a working lunch, several groups were formed to discuss the following questions:

(1) What parameters do you measure to help predict, monitor or measure the intensity of digester foaming?

(2) What have you done to try to correct foaming problems? What was effective and what was not effective?

The workshop was concluded following a discussion of breakout questions. Each group had a designee briefly discussing their groups answer questions. Facility managers and operators on hand, the true victims of digester foaming sincerely appreciated the opportunity to share their experiences and hear from others on their experiences.

CSWEA is planning a third workshop during the Midwest Industry Expo in February of 2012 to further explore this issue and provide feedback and information for operators on potential mitigation methods. CSWEA is pleased that WERF has funded a research effort on this difficult operational phenomenon.



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The Antioch WWTF provides wastewater transportation and treatment services for the Village of Antioch, situated in Lake County, Illinois. The present service area has a service population of approximately 14,000 people. The village owns and operates 21 lift stations which transport wastewater to the treatment facility.

Wastewater treatment plant operations

The Antioch WWTF recently finished an upgrade of the entire facility. The old plant was completely abandoned, with the exception of re-using aeration basins for aerobic digesters, and using a circular clarifier as a gravity thickener.

The Antioch WWTF operates a biological nutrient removal (BNR) process, which is a version of the University of Cape Town (UCT) variation. The UCT process consists of anaerobic, anoxic,

and aeration zones. The BNR process was chosen based on the need to meet permit requirements for the removal of BOD₅, TSS and phosphorous removal and nitrification. The plant is rated to treat a daily average flow of 2.0 MGD, and a maximum daily flow of 9.2 MGD.

The WWTF uses a rotating drum screen to screen rags, trash and large solids in the influent. Screened flow continues to the BNR process, which again utilizes the UCT variation to reduce phosphorous in the final effluent. Prior to secondary clarification, alum is used to remove any remaining phosphorous prior to disinfection by UV and discharge to the receiving stream, which is the Sequoit Creek. Sludge is processed by aerobic digestion, and then dewatered using a two-meter belt filter process. Dewatered sludge is stored in a sludge storage barn, and land applied twice per year.

Following is a more in-depth description of the process:

The Antioch WWTF has a design average flow (DAF) of 2.0 MGD, and design maximum flow (DMF) of 9.2 MGD. The Antioch WWTF is a biological nutrient removal (BNR) facility. The BNR process is a single stage nitrification system, and is designed to remove phosphorous biologically, with chemical addition (alum or ferric chloride) as a final polishing step. Alum is currently used.

Raw influent flow enters the plant through a force main and into the headworks building where it is measured using an area velocity meter. Once the flow is measured, it is cleaned of rags and debris using a Lakeside Raptor fine screen. Flow leaves this building, and flows by gravity directly to the three aeration basins, which make up the BNR system.

The aeration basins consist of three zones: the anaerobic zone, the anoxic



zone, and the aerobic zone. The wastewater enters the anaerobic zone and is mixed with mixed liquor recycle from the anoxic zone. Here the influent wastewater and microorganisms are combined in the absence of oxygen, either free or in a combined form. In the absence of oxygen, the microorganisms release phosphorous while consuming and storing food.

The second zone of the UCT process is the anoxic zone. Here microorganisms are returned to the process from the final clarifiers as RAS. The anoxic zone is utilized to denitrify the RAS. The resulting mixed

liquor is recycled to the anaerobic zone. This provides nitrate free mixed liquor to the anaerobic zone. Recirculation is accomplished by use of a variable speed axial flow submersible pump.

The third zone of the UCT process is the aerobic zone. The microorganisms continue to consume

food, nitrify ammonia to nitrates, and also provide luxury uptake of phosphorous compounds.

Chemical feed is available to remove any remaining phosphorous, if needed.

Once the flow leaves the BNR process, it flows by gravity to the secondary clarifiers, where solids are allowed to settle. These solids are either returned to the BNR system as return activated sludge (RAS), or wasted to the gravity thickener where solids are allowed to settle, and eventually pumped to the aerobic digesters. Clear water flows over the weirs of

Discharge limits are as follows:

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CBOD ₅	10 mg/l	20 mg/l
TSS	12 mg/l	24 mg/l
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Nov-March	1.5 mg/l	2.4 mg/l
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the secondary clarifiers, and continues on to the UV system. The UV system consists of a Trojan ultraviolet system, where the DNA of the fecal coliform bacteria is altered by ultra-violet wavelengths, leaving the bacteria unable to reproduce. Once the flow passes through the UV system, it continues on through the Parshall flume, where it is metered before flowing to the receiving stream.

Biosolids are processed at the facility by the following methods: Approximately 30-40,000 gallons of waste activated sludge is pumped to the gravity thickener five days/week. The sludge is allowed to settle in the gravity thickener, and eventually pumped to the aerobic digesters (four total) at a concentration of 3-4%. The sludge is then pumped to the Komline Belt Filter Press, which is located in the dewatering building. The Belt Filter Press squeezes the water from the sludge, with average cake solids from the press averaging 18-20%. The cake is then stored on site in the sludge barn, and is hauled off site twice/year and applied to farm fields.


In-service training and upgrading of subordinate operators

Plant personnel are trained in both wastewater operations and laboratory procedures. The village actively supports the continual development of its employees. Examples of this commitment are as follows:


- The lab was recently updated with state of the art lab equipment, which allows for most routine plant process analysis to be conducted on site. In order to ensure quality control, staff went through a thorough training program, detailing and outlining proper lab methods and procedures.
- Plant personnel regularly attend seminars, outside training courses and workshops relating to wastewater treatment. Training on all of the plant equipment has taken place over the last year,

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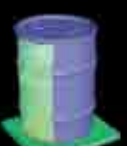
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- and staff is familiar with all aspects of maintenance of the equipment.
- The village provides financial assistance by reimbursing employees for the tuition, fees and books associated with job-related education.
 - The village sponsors employees' participation during typical working hours in outside workshops, seminars, conferences, classes and training. The employees are encouraged to stay abreast of the changes throughout the industry, and attend workshops frequently.
 - Plant personnel are involved in various professional organizations, including Fox Valley Operators Association (FVOA), Central States Water Environment Association (CSWEA), and Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators (IAWPCO). The village encourages involvement in these organizations, along with allowing and encouraging direct involvement in committee work.
 - The operation of the facility is currently overseen by two Class 1 operators.

In-plant studies and routine operation data

The plant uses a single excel spreadsheet for keeping track of and reporting all discharge monitoring reporting (DMR) parameters. The spreadsheet automatically calculates all data and displays it into appropriate format, such as mg/l, pounds, min/max, etc. Once the information for the month is entered onto the spreadsheet, the DMRs are then submitted electronically to the IEPA. While other spreadsheets, bench sheets and other forms of documentation are used for gathering plant data, this single spreadsheet makes the task of gathering and reporting necessary DMR information simple, while allowing

the operator a quick reference to critical operational data.

A supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system monitors and controls plant processes and equipment. Dissolved oxygen (DO) levels in the aeration basins, for example, are controlled and monitored through the SCADA system, and blower speeds are increased or decreased in order to maintain a pre-determined DO range. This control allows for efficient and cost effective methods of operation of the aeration system.

Preventive maintenance, emergency operations and safety practices

The facility currently uses a computerized maintenance management system (CMMS) to ensure preventive maintenance (PM) is regularly performed on all major plant equipment. Completed PMs are entered into the system, and important information such as equipment hours, costs associated with maintaining the equipment, and parts are kept track of.

The facility also uses an outside vendor to perform regularly scheduled vibration analysis of major equipment. Once the vibration analysis is performed, detailed reports are provided which provide the condition of the equipment, along with any problems noted during the analysis. This allows for trending of the equipment to be done, which in turn allows for shutdown and repair of the equipment before any major damage is done to the equipment.

The facility has two sources of electrical feeds to the plant, and also houses a natural gas generator, which is used for emergency back-up power. The generator is exercised twice/month in order to ensure it is ready for use. Important information such as hours, oil levels, etc. is kept regularly to ensure peak performance. The village takes part in a capacity-based load response (CBLR) program with the electrical utility, in which the village may be called upon to use the generator to supply electrical power to the entire plant during high peak demand periods, thereby reducing the demand on the power grid. Taking part in this program ensures the generator is run under load, thereby eliminating the need to actually perform load bank testing on an annual basis. The CBLR also is a source of revenue for the village. **CS**



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Illinois Codifies Land Application and Disposal Regulations for Radium Treatment Residuals

On December 7, 2000 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) finalized their drinking water standards for removal of radionuclides. The regulations became effective in December of 2003 and drinking water treatment facilities were mandated to meet the five picocuries per liter (pCi/L) limit for combined radium. As radium is removed from the raw water and manifests itself either in the drinking water treatment media or at a wastewater treatment facility; the management of these treatment residuals is the subject of regulations recently promulgated by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency's (IEMA) Division of Nuclear Safety (DNS). The following seeks to provide a brief background with regard to the genesis of the rulemaking; address the main provisions of 32 Illinois Administrative Code 330.40(d), and provide details on how the Illinois Emergency Management Agency is seeking to implement this rule with minimal impact to the water treatment industry while ensuring worker protection and environmental preservation.

Among the traditional functions of IEMA-DNS is the licensure of radioactive materials users, oversight of radiological site remediations, and response to radiological incidents. Because of its historical

use in both medical and industrial radiation sources, individuals or organizations possessing and using radium have long been licensed by the agency and its predecessors. Although there was no quantity of radium that was considered exempt from licensure, IEMA chose not license the removal of radium at water treatment facilities due to the fact that prior to the USEPA combined radium drinking water standards, radium removal was often incidental and the quantities of radium generated were comparable to environmentally encountered levels. The level of radium accumulation in soil as a result of land application of radium bearing sludges was low. Since IEMA is not responsible for permitting public water supplies or water pollution control facilities, a 1984 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was established with the Illinois EPA (IEPA). Based on the MOA, water and sewage treatment facilities producing radium residuals would be exempt from the licensing requirements of what was then the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety and the IEPA would control the accumulation of radium in soil from land application of sludges through their permitting system.

In 2010, responding to a petition from the City of Joliet, the Illinois Pollution

Control Board ruled the Memorandum of Understanding between IDNS and IEPA unenforceable. Since the only avenue of regulatory oversight available to IEMA is licensure, the rulemaking was necessary to provide an exemption from licensing for municipalities producing treatment residuals with elevated concentrations of radium. Specifically, persons producing or possessing residuals or sludge resulting from the treatment of water or sewage and containing naturally occurring radium from groundwater are exempt from licensure provided they contain a combined radium (Radium-226 and Radium-228) concentration less than or equal to 200 pCi/g (picocuries per gram, dry weight basis). Ultimately, the exemption came about in response to petitions for higher land application rates for radium, agency response efforts at landfills and scrap yards handling treatment residuals and equipment contaminated with radium, the need to create awareness and the agency's responsibility to protect the health and safety of municipal workers. Specific details on requirements for land application, field sampling, disposal, and annual reporting were codified in the resulting rule. The following seeks to provide a summarized overview of the various provisions of the rule. The

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text of the rule, 32 Illinois Administrative Code 330.40(d), can be found on the IEMA website www.state.il.us/iema/legal/emergency.htm. Additionally, a copy of the guidance document, which outlines detailed information and the implementation strategy on each aspect of the exemption, is contained at <http://tier2.iema.state.il.us/WaterTreatment/Login.aspx>.

Exemption overview

The first provision of the exemption stipulates that those entities producing or in possession of residuals or sludge resulting from the treatment of water or sewage and containing naturally occurring radium from groundwater with concentrations of combined radium less than or equal to 200 pCi/g (dry weight basis) must register directly with the agency. IEMA has preliminarily determined which facilities this includes. The registration process ensures the regulated community is aware of the regulation and functions to verify the source water and treatment methods being used at that facility. Registration can be performed online at the website listed above. It is imperative that each municipality verify this information, as it provides the basis on which the regulated community is defined. There are no fees for registration, reporting, or disposal under Section 330.40(d). The following explains how IEMA is determining which facilities must register and comply with Section 330.40(d).

For those questioning the origin of radium in their treatment residuals, the explanation can be seen in IEMA's process of defining the regulated community. The initial wording of Section 330.40(d) was meant to exempt a large scope of entities from licensure. However, it also created a large number of entities which are required to register with IEMA. Due to the fact radium is naturally present to some level in nearly all aquifers, any facility treating groundwater and generating a sludge or spent media (at the drinking water or wastewater facility) would theoretically fall

under the scope of Section 330.40(d). Therefore, distinctions have been made to further clarify which municipalities must comply with Section 330.40(d) and thereby lessen the regulatory burden on others. The phrase “from the treatment of water or sewage” has been defined by IEMA to be using a treatment technology capable of concentrating radium. Simple disinfecting and/or adding fluoride will not place a drinking water treatment facility under the scope of this rule due to the fact the treatment does not have the capability to increase radium beyond its environmentally encountered levels. The phrase “containing naturally occurring radium from groundwater” has been defined by IEMA to be a facility drawing water from aquifers known to contribute elevated levels of radium to the source water. Typically, these are deep bedrock aquifers in Northern Illinois; however, it can include any aquifer which causes a drinking water treatment facility to exceed the combined radium drinking water standard. Additional discussions on the treatment technologies and aquifers defined by IEMA are available in the guidance document.

Data used to determine the regulated community indicates there are approximately 1,801 active community water supplies in the state of Illinois. Of those, 1,175 use a groundwater source and, therefore, fall under the scope of Section 330.40(d). Approximately 528 of these drinking water treatment facilities utilize a treatment process capable of concentrating radium. Spent media or treatment residuals generated from these 528 facilities must comply with the provisions in Section 330.40(d). There are specific exclusions which are detailed in the guidance document. Of the 528 drinking water facilities identified, there is a subset of 194 that also draw water from an aquifer identified as having the potential to contribute elevated amounts of radium in the source water. If a wastewater treatment facility receives a waste stream from one of these 194 drinking water facilities, then they are required to register as well and must comply with the provisions in Section 330.40(d).

Registration is also required of landfill operators who receive residuals containing radium and land applicators who apply

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Treatment residual sampling and disposition

The combined radium concentration in a treatment residual is measured in picocuries per gram (pCi/g) on a dry weight basis. A picocurie is 1×10^{-12} Curies, a measure of radioactivity. Radium concentrations in sewage sludge observed in Illinois range from a few pCi/g up to 139 pCi/g. Sediments in backwash holding tanks tested at drinking water treatment facilities have yielded radium concentrations from 38 pCi/g to over 700 pCi/g. Instances where residuals have accumulated radium above 200 pCi/g are dealt with on a case by case basis in order to find an economical, environmentally sound, and protective manner in which to handle and disposition the materials. However, consistent generation of such residuals may require licensure. Sludge with radium concentrations up to 100 pCi/g can be land applied for soil conditioning or disposed in a landfill. Sludge with a concentration above 100 and less than or equal to 200 pCi/g will elicit a no-cost site investigation from IEMA to determine if worker exposure issues are present. Landfill disposal is the likely disposition path for these residuals.

Wastewater facilities receiving a waste stream from one or more of the 194

drinking water treatment facilities identified above, will be required to perform representative sampling of their sludge for radium. Many wastewater treatment facilities already perform radium sampling as a condition of their IEPA land application or NPDES permit. However, not all do. IEMA encourages wastewater treatment facilities to familiarize themselves with the exemption and their individual requirements. Contact information for IEMA staff is available at the end of this article.

Municipalities not sampling for radium on a routine schedule are finding the sample turnaround time can take up to eight weeks. Forward planning is critical in obtaining a sample prior to the day you need to dewater or haul to a field. IEMA will utilize the most recent, representative analysis to determine compliance.

Landfill requirements

As mentioned previously, treatment residuals with a total radium concentration of 100 pCi/g or less may be disposed at a municipal landfill. Although landfill owners can refuse to accept residuals containing radium; IEMA is actively working with the owners to provide them with the necessary information and ensure the acceptability of this material. Residuals disposed in a landfill must meet the waste acceptance criteria for the landfill.

Residuals that are easily dispersible may require stabilization to prevent dispersion during transport and landfill placement. The landfill must cover the residuals containing radium with at least 10 feet of uncontaminated material at the time of landfill closure (end of facility operations).

Land application requirements

Water and wastewater treatment residuals with a total radium concentration of 100 pCi/g or less may be land applied for soil conditioning purposes. The primary concern with land application is the accumulation of radium in the soil to levels that would necessitate a US EPA site remediation. Natural radium background in soil in Illinois is approximately 2 pCi/g. The exemption allows for an increase in soil concentration of 1 pCi/g to a maximum soil radium concentration of 3.0 pCi/g. This ceiling limit was selected to limit the potential radiation exposure for future residents, allow for the unrestricted future use and prevent contamination that would require a remedial action or deed restrictions. (*The USEPA requires a site with soil radium concentrations of 5 pCi/g above background to be remediated.*) On a practical basis, the ceiling level is kept lower to afford averaging across the entire field. In this manner, treatment residuals from multiple generators can be taken to a single field without tracking the exact location of each. To require tracking the applications of each generator to each specific segment of a field would greatly increase application costs and likely remove the generator from this avenue of reuse. Moreover, averaging across an entire field compensates for portions that may be slightly above 3.0 pCi/g. This alleviates land applicators needing to land apply around (and sample) small portions of an entire field.

The background combined radium concentration must be determined for fields being land applied treatment residuals containing radium. Fields that were land applied in the spring of 2011 were to be sampled by June 1, 2011. Fields not used this spring are sampled prior to their next use. The rule, supplemented by the guidance document, contains specific sampling procedures that correspond to existing IEPA procedures or the Illinois Agronomy Handbook. This pre-applica-

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tion concentration is used as the starting point for calculating soil radium concentration increases and when the field either needs to be resampled (at a soil concentration increase of 0.8 pCi/g or a total soil radium concentration of 2.8 pCi/g) or is no longer eligible to receive residuals containing radium (3.0 pCi/g). It is important to note that IEMA will allow a single, representative composite sample to be taken to determine this background sample. Since many soil samples can cost \$200 or more, this concession was deemed acceptable solely to ease the monetary impact on already burdened municipalities. Specific sampling procedures and site characteristics apply – please refer to the guidance document or call IEMA for further details.

The exemption requires the landowner or authorized agent sign a form acknowledging that residuals containing radium are being applied to their land. The form is intended to provide assurances that this will not result in any adverse impacts on the land including deed or land use restrictions. The guidance document provides the specific language of the notification. It will be imperative that applicators work with landowners to avoid misinformation about radium which may lead to inadvertently shutting off avenues of disposal that should otherwise remain available. IEMA is setting up informational meetings at various venues and is willing to assist in this effort upon request.

The soil concentration increase is calculated based on the application rate and the radium concentration. The guidance document provides the calculation method used to determine the soil concentration increase; however, it is identical to that of the calculations used for Illinois EPA metals loadings. The increase limit applies to the sum of all land applications by all generators. A 1 pCi/g increase equates to a total of 1778 microcuries of total radium applied per acre of farmland used. However, this amount is reduced if the initial soil concentration is greater than 2 pCi/g. As the information above would indicate, the radium is tracked on a field basis.

Reporting

On at least an annual basis, producers of residuals containing radium must report the quantity of residuals produced;

their radium concentration and disposal method. IEMA is in the process of developing an online reporting system; however, in the interim, IEMA will accept Illinois EPA semi-annual sludge reports with the appropriate radium data. While reporting is ultimately the responsibility of the wastewater treatment facility, the reporting may be done by the contractor employed to remove the sludge from the facility (e.g. land applicator). The reporting requirement is placed upon all registrants (i.e., wastewater treatment facilities land applying as well as drinking water treatment facilities replacing a sand filter.)

Wastewater treatment facilities that produce sludge with total radium concentrations of 3 pCi/g or less may manage their residuals without further restriction from this exemption. This is due to the fact that the land application of residuals with this concentration will never raise the soil radium concentration above the 3 pCi/g limit. IEMA continues to refine the scope of the regulated community by sampling, data collection, and site visits. Refer to the guidance for other case specific exclusions.

Summary

IEMA works to protect the environment and the public from the effects of ionizing radiation. Staff members provide technical guidance and assistance in cleaning up contaminated sites, are on-site inspec-

tors in nuclear power generating facilities, provide 24 hour environmental monitoring, inspect and enforce a vast number and scope of licensed radioactive material users, as well as characterizing radiological hazards. However, admittedly, IEMA is new to the water treatment industry and recognizes several of the treatment processes and operational procedures have a yet unquantified effect on radium solubility and its fate in treatment residuals. Moreover, the variety of drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities cannot be fit to a single regulatory box. Through continued sampling, site visits, and dialogue with the water and wastewater treatment industry it is IEMA's goal to refine the implementation and scope of Section 330.40(d) and to further characterize the deposition of radium in the environment. Through a concerted effort of IEMA and the environmental stewardship demonstrated by the wastewater industry, the regulation of radium treatment residuals can be done in an efficient, practical manner that has minimal impact to the bottom lines of municipalities while ensuring the safety of both the public and the environment.

Land applicators, landfills, and water and wastewater treatment facilities are encouraged to review the exemption and guidance to determine their specific requirements. If you have any questions you may contact the author by email at Gary.Forsee@illinois.gov or by phone at 217-782-1326. [CS](#)




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1ST ANNUAL CSWEA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY SHOWS GREAT PROMISE

On April 4 Central States hosted its first annual Leadership Academy for Young Professionals in Madison, WI at the Monona Terrace. Establishing a seminar during tough economic times and with no track record so members were not sure what to expect (what a great idea I decided to invoke as I became the YP Chair; it must have been one of those late-night sessions that I decided this would be a good idea. I should have missed that CSX in the Wisconsin Dells

By Richard Hussey

a few years back when this idea was brought up as a potential seminar by various members). However, not including the speakers, we had 26 attendees at the seminar. We felt this was an ideal number of attendees to kick off the first seminar of its kind for Central States and build on it for future years.

With speakers such as Richard Meeusen (CEO of Badger Meter), Andy

Richardson (CEO of Greeley & Hansen and Past President of AWWA), Tom Sigmund (Executive Director of GBMSD), Rusty Schroedel (Vice President of AECOM), George Tchobanoglous (Ph.D PE, Professor Emeritus, University of California, Davis, CA), Scott Trotter (President of Trotter & Associates and WEF Board of Trustees Member) and Garrett VanGosen (YP Member and ITT Sanitaire Applications Engineer) it was destined to contain a wealth of knowl-



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edge and great perspectives on the careers and challenges within the water and wastewater industry. I again thank them all for their time and inspiring presentations. In addition, I must also thank Matt Allen, Beth Vogt, and Gary Scott for their assistance in assembling this seminar.

After the seminar, we forwarded a brief summary to the attendees asking them various questions and their input relative to the seminar. Overwhelmingly, CSWEA received great feedback and high ratings. A few of the comments were: "The CSWEA YP Leadership Academy was a phenomenal learning and networking experience. It was great to hear advice and the experience of environmental leaders (CEOs and directors) in the Midwest. I had fun, gained invaluable advice and met a bunch of other young professionals who I will continue to network with throughout my career," (Trevor Ghylis, P.E. CH2M Hill); and "The environment is a passion of mine, and after the conference I realized this was the perfect industry for me to make a difference in. The people involved with CSWEA and their YP program are very knowledgeable, but more importantly they are all eager to extend a hand and share their knowledge. I wasn't too sure what to expect going into it, but the YP Leadership Academy surpassed my expectations in information and awareness of the need for young people in our profession," (Andy Pakosta Glenbard Wastewater Authority); and "The YP Leadership Academy was a great way for me as a young professional to get to know some of my peers as well as get some valuable career advice from more experienced professionals. Attending the YP Leadership Academy was a great way to start getting involved in CSWEA and was very helpful in providing some guidance for

my career in the water/wastewater industry," (Mike Holland Trotter & Associates); and "Don't go out drinking all night after the YP Leadership Academy if you plan on going to the Education Seminar the next day," (Anonymous).

We look forward to the Second Annual Leadership Academy and welcome those who would like to forward potential topics or presentations and

those who would be interested in the presentations from the first seminar. We hope to continue to build this seminar with increased YP participation and the seminar becomes as prestigious as the Annual Education Seminar. I hope our members strongly encourage YP participation and consider this event for some or all of their YPs by budgeting this event next year. [CS](#)

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SUMMER IN THE SUN: THE WORK GOES ON

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As you may have noted, I write often about OSHA standards as they relate to our industry, and today they lead me into one of OSHA's most recently developed safety programs, *Preventing Heat Illness in Outdoor Workers*.

Every year, thousands of workers become sick from exposure to heat, and some even die. These illnesses and deaths are completely preventable if you take time to pay attention to your working staff. OSHA's has developed a nationwide outreach campaign to raise awareness among workers and employers about the hazards of working outdoors in hot weather. The resources and information available thru their web page www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/index.html gives workers and employers information about heat illnesses and how to prevent them.

I'll bet you didn't know that heat is the number one weather-related killer in the US. On average, more than 1,500 people in the U.S. die each year from excessive heat. This number is greater than the 30-year mean annual number of deaths due to tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and lightning combined. In the 40-year period from 1936 through 1975, nearly 20,000 people were killed in the United States by the effects of heat and sun.

Central States summers are almost always hot; most summers see heatwaves in one section or another of our home states. But most importantly, they tend to combine both high temperature and high humidity for the most damaging effects, and yet some of the worst have been catastrophically dry. In the disastrous dry-heatwave of 1980, more than 1,250 people died. In the heatwave of 1995,

more than 900 deaths in the Chicago, Illinois area were attributed to high heat and humidity. And in August 2003, a record month-long heatwave in Europe claimed an estimated 50,000 lives in twelve (12) countries.

So, how does heat affect the human body?

Human bodies dissipate heat by varying the rate and depth of blood circulation, by losing water through the skin and sweat glands, when blood is heated above 98.6 degrees. The heart begins to pump more blood, blood vessels dilate to accommodate the increased flow, and the bundles of tiny capillaries threading through the upper layers of skin are put into operation. The body's blood is required to evaporate the sweat is extracted from the body, thereby cooling

SERIOUS HEAT DISORDERS AND WHAT TO DO

Heat exhaustion: Heavy sweating, weakness, skin cold, pale and clammy. Pulse is abnormal and barely perceptible. Normal temperature is possible. Fainting and vomiting likely. **First aid:** Get victim out of the sun. Lie down and loosen clothing. Apply cool, wet cloths. Fan or move victim to air-conditioned room. Give **sips of water**. If nausea occurs, discontinue use.

Heat stroke (or sunstroke): High body temperature (104° F or higher). Hot dry skin. Rapid and strong pulse. Possible unconsciousness. **First aid:** heat stroke is a severe medical emergency. Summon emergency medical assistance immediately. Delay can be fatal. Move the victim to a cooler environment. Reduce body temperature with cold bath or sponging. Use extreme caution. Remove clothing, use fans and air conditioners. **Do not give fluids.**

it. Under conditions of high temperature (above 90 degrees) and high relative humidity, the body is doing everything it can to maintain its 98.6 degrees inside. The heart is pumping a torrent of blood through dilated circulatory vessels; the sweat glands are pouring liquid, including essential dissolved chemicals like sodium and chloride onto the surface of the skin. Most people think, boy where's that water cooler! But there's more to it than that.

Heat disorders generally have to do with a collapse of the body's abil-

ity to shed heat by sweating, or the chemical imbalance caused by too much sweating and loss of essential dissolved chemicals. When heat gain exceeds the level the body can remove, or when the body cannot compensate for fluids lost through perspiration, the temperature of the body's inner core begins to rise and heat-related illness may develop. Ranging in severity, heat disorders share one common feature: the individual has overexposed or over exercised for his age and physical condition in the existing thermal environment.

Studies indicate that, other things being equal, the severity of heat disorders tend to increase with age. Heat cramps in a 17-year-old may be heat exhaustion in someone 40 and heat stroke in a person over 60. Heat exhaustion is the rapid release of heat from the body. Heat stroke is extremely dangerous as the body reacts to save itself from high inner core temperatures. I don't know about you, but I'm over 55. I know I can still work hard, but I must remember to think about these things when I work outside.

Worker safety

Outdoor workers can be especially vulnerable to excessive heat. Use recommended practices (planning, prevention, and response) when working under hot conditions such as drinking fluids, changing work/rest schedules to lengthen breaks, cooling down in shade, and looking out for co-workers, particularly those who work alone. Check weather forecasts ahead of time so that you can be better prepared.

Each National Weather Service (NWS) Office will issue heat-related warnings as conditions warrant. The Heat Index (HI) is sometimes referred to as the "apparent temperature." The HI, given in degrees F, is a measure of how hot your body feels when relative humidity is added to the actual air temperature.

To wrap this up, we as workers and employers need to give great attention to these signs and symptoms when work planning. Reinforce the necessity of the following easily remembered safety guidelines for outdoor workers during those hot summer days:

- Slow down. Strenuous activities should be reduced or planned for the coolest time of the day.
- Dress for summer. Lightweight light-colored clothing reflects heat and sunlight.
- Drink plenty of **non-alcohol** fluids often. Many drinks like Gatorade have additives to help maintain essential chemical compounds.
- Rest in the shade.
- Report heat symptoms early.
- Know what to do and when to take action. **CS**

So, during this summer time in Central States be prepared for the heat. Work, drink, and think. Don't fall victim to heat-related illness.



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The purpose of the SJWP program is to increase students' interest in water-related issues and research and to raise

awareness about global water challenges. The competition is open to projects aimed at enhancing the quality of life through improvement of water quality, water resources management, water protection, and water and wastewater treatment.

"WEF congratulates all our talented state winners and wish them the best of luck at the national competition next month," said WEF President Jeanette Brown. "We also greatly appreciate the support and commitment of our member associations, which makes this program so successful."

The U.S. winner will receive \$3,000 (USD) and an all-expense-paid trip to

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ABSTRACT

Co-digestion is now being used to digest a mixture of wastes at many municipal wastewater treatment plants. In this way, more organic carbon is added to make efficient use of existing digesters. The objectives of this study were to identify and compare potential co-digestates, determine synergistic and antagonistic co-digestion outcomes, quantify performance of co-digestion for selected wastes and estimate economic benefits. Over 80 wastes were identified from 54 facilities within 160 km of an existing municipal digester. High BMP values ($>370 \text{ ml CH}_4/\text{gCOD}$) were observed for seven of the wastes: (1) cookie production, (2) meat production dissolved air flotation (DAF) float, (3) whole stillage from corn ethanol production, (4) syrup from corn ethanol production, (5) trub from beer brewing (6) yeast from beer brewing, and (7) mustard production waste. Performance was investigated using bench-scale digesters receiving primary sludge with and without co-digestates. Methane production rates were 105 and 66% higher when co-digestates were present, but were anticipated to increase only 57 and 23% due to the additional COD. Therefore, significant synergistic outcomes were observed during co-digestion. Co-digestion of the most promising wastes with primary sludge in full scale was estimated to generate enough electricity to power more than 2500 houses.

INTRODUCTION

Anaerobic biotechnology is often applied to treat waste from one location, such as a municipality or industry. However, co-digestion of a mix of material from multiple locations can also be employed. When multiple co-digestates are properly blended, more organic carbon can be digested at a facility to produce more methane and renewable energy.

Co-digestion using municipal anaerobic digesters is especially promising since many exist and are distributed around the world. Often, excess digestion capacity is available, and equipment is in place to use additional biogas for heat and power. Co-digestates considered by others for addition to municipal sludge include municipal solid waste, food waste, and restaurant waste. By adding these co-digestates, municipal digesters can become regional renewable energy facilities. However, co-digestion costs, including conveyance and biosolids management, should be compared with benefits to help assess the sustainability of any co-digestion program.

The work described herein was performed to assess anaerobic co-digestion of various wastes with municipal sludge as a sustainable energy technology. Objectives were to (1) identify potential co-digestates, (2) determine synergistic, antagonistic and neutral effects, and (3) determine economic benefits. Ongoing work includes investigating changes in microbial community structure during co-digestion of various materials as well as implementing co-digestion after full-scale testing.

METHODS

Potential co-digestates

A market survey was performed to identify high-strength wastes produced within a 160-km radius of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) South Shore Wastewater Reclamation Facility (Oak Creek, WI, USA).

BMP and ATA testing

The BMP protocol of Owen et al. (1979) was used to screen co-digestates in terms of the volume of methane produced per unit of waste at 35°C and 1 atm. Anaerobic toxicity assays (ATAs) were performed to determine the potential inhibitory or stimulatory affect of each waste on maximum methane production rate from acetate.

Bench-scale anaerobic digesters

Three pairs of bench-scale digesters (Control, Co-Digester 1, and Co-Digester 2) were operated. Control digesters were fed synthetic primary sludge, whereas Co-Digesters 1 and 2 each received co-substrates in addition to synthetic primary sludge. All digesters were 4.5-L vessels containing 2.5 L of active volume initially seeded with biomass from a full-scale anaerobic digester (South Shore Wastewater Reclamation Facility). Digesters were operated with daily feeding at a solids retention time (SRT) of 15 days and were continuously mixed using magnetic stirrers (150 rpm) in a temperature-controlled room (35°C). After Day 55, Co-Digester 1 systems were fed the following five co-digestates (described in Table 1) in addition to synthetic primary sludge: float (3.1 mL/d, 0.52 gCOD/d), can crushing waste (2.8 mL/d, 0.22 gCOD/d), thin stillage (4.9 mL/d, 0.76 gCOD/d), flavorings yeast (1 mL/d, 0.26 gCOD/d), and acid whey (3.7 mL/d, 0.54 gCOD/d). Co-Digester 2 systems were fed with synthetic primary sludge and flavorings yeast waste (4 mL/d, 1.05 gCOD/d).

Cost-benefit analysis

A simple cost-benefit analysis was performed for co-digestates. The net worth of each co-digestate was calculated as the sum of the estimated value of methane produced ($0.21 \text{ United State Dollar (USD)}/\text{m}^3\text{CH}_4 @ 35^\circ\text{C}$), GHG avoided ($0.003 \text{ USD}/\text{kg CO}_2$) and treatment charges ($0.28 \text{ USD}/\text{kg COD}$ and $0.28 \text{ USD}/\text{kg TSS}$) less the sum of waste conveyance ($0.16 \text{ USD}/\text{m}^3\text{-km}$) and solids handling and disposal ($0.110 \text{ USD}/\text{dry TS kg}$). The CO_2 avoidance was estimated assuming fuel switching from bituminous coal (emission factor = $0.088 \text{ kg CO}_2/\text{MJ}$).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Identification of most promising co-digestates

There were 81 wastes from 54 facilities identified during the market survey. The types of wastes (and percent of the total number of wastes) were as follows: food production (76%), corn ethanol production (8%), brewing and malting (7%), and other wastes (9%). Other wastes included algae removed from lakefront areas, zoo animal waste, and soap production wastes. Food wastes were from meat products, dairy and cheese production, flavorings production, frozen foods, snack foods, candy, soy products and mustard production. From preliminary screening, 26 wastes (see Table 1) were chosen for characterization based upon the significant volume produced, high COD concentration, and/or proximity to the digester.

The BMP results for the 26 wastes are presented in Figure 1. Methane was produced from all the co-digestates tested, with average BMP values ranging from 20 to $418 \text{ mL CH}_4/\text{g COD}$ and 51 to $580 \text{ mL CH}_4/\text{gVS}$. High BMP values ($>370 \text{ mL CH}_4/\text{gCOD}$) were observed for seven of the wastes: (1) cookie, (2) float, (3) whole stillage, (4) syrup, (5) trube (6) brewery yeast, (7) mustard waste (see Figure 1). Low BMP values ($<100 \text{ mL CH}_4/\text{gCOD}$) were observed for oil and hydraulic fluids, metal cutting, soap, boiler cleaning and dried manure wastes (Figure 1).

The ATA results for various wastes include synergistic, antagonistic, neutral and mixed outcomes based on a comparison of maximum methane production rates when calcium acetate was

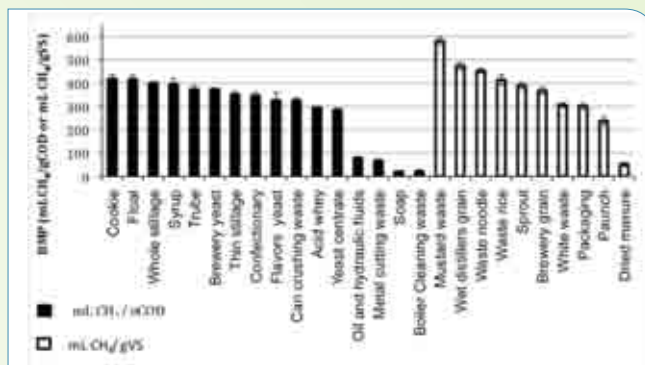


Figure 1. Biochemical methane potential

(BMP) results for 26 promising co-digestates

Error bars represent standard deviation of triplicate measurements. The CH_4 volume is reported at 35°C , 1 atm. Some error bars are too small to be visible.

the main co-digestate (see Figures 2 through 5). Antagonism was observed for soap waste ($\text{IC}_{50} = 2\%$), boiler cleaning wastewater ($\text{IC}_{50} = 9.5\%$), metal cutting waste ($\text{IC}_{50} = 12\%$), oil and hydraulic fluids waste ($\text{IC}_{50} > 15\%$), and cookie waste ($\text{IC}_{50} > 50\%$) (see Figure 3). Neutral outcomes were observed for float, brewery yeast and acid whey wastes (see Figure 4). Moreover, some wastes such as trube, brewery yeast and flavorings yeast wastes demonstrated mixed outcomes, with a synergistic effect observed at low concentrations and an antagonistic effect observed at higher concentrations (see Figure 5).

Cost-benefit analysis

The results of the economic benefit analysis are presented in Figure 6. The economic analysis resulted in high positive benefits for seven co-digestates: (1) syrup, (2) brewery yeast, (3) flavorings yeast, (4) trube, (5) float, (6) whole, and (7) acid whey. However, to select co-digestates for further study, other waste characteristics were considered, including the volume of waste produced, the reliability of waste availability over time, apparent toxicity, and availability of other sustainable disposal methods (i.e., sale as animal






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Flavorings yeast	216,000	15.7	Food flavorings production	8
Yeast centrate	35,000	0.6		
Sprout	127,000*	14.3		
Oil and hydraulic fluids	77,000	2.6	Metal recycling facility	13
Float	133,000*	12.5	Dissolved air flotation float from meat production	16
Paunch	105,000*	10.6	Meat production	
Dried manure	449,000*	86.4		
Trube	203,000	9.9	Beer fermentation	18
Brewery yeast	313,000	16.2		
Brewery grain	107,000	20.1		
Soap	47,000	2.0	Soap production	18
Boiler cleaning waste	33,000	5.7	Coal-fired boiler heat exchanger cleaning solution	30
Metal cutting waste	75,000	2.3	Machine shop	30
Mustard waste	59,000*	8.53	Mustard production	33
Packaging waste	972,000*	76.8	Off spec candy from packaging operation	44
White waste	1,089,000*	90.1	Floor sweepings from candy production	
Acid whey	148,000	12.7	Cheese production	49
Confectionary	23,000	1.9	Candy production	55
Waste rice	287,000*	22.7	Frozen food production	61
Waste noodle	502,000*	35.3		
Wet distillers grain	206,000*	31.1	Corn ethanol production	69
Syrup	399,000	30.4		
Whole stillage	155,000	14.5		
Thin stillage	137,000	9.1		
Can crushing waste-ILL	76,000	6.1	Soft drink production	75
Cookie	13,000	0.6	Industrial bakery	95

Table 1. Waste characteristics and facility descriptions for potential co-digestates

* These values are in units of mg/kg (wet)

	Control	Co-Digester 1	Co-Digester 2
Primary sludge flow (m ³ /day)	1890	1890	1890
Co-digestate flow (m ³ /day)	0	192	12
Total methane (ML/day)	15.1	34.1	17.7
Methane energy ^a (1000MJ/day)	530	1190	620
Estimated CO ₂ emissions avoidance ^b (tonnes/year)	17000	38200	19900
Average U.S. homes provided electricity ^c (houses)	2000	4500	2340

Table 2. Estimated energy production and carbon dioxide avoidance from co-digestion

^a Assuming methane heat content of 0.035 MJ/L CH₄ at 35°C (930 BTU/ft³)

^b Assuming switching from bituminous coal and coal emissions factor of 0.088 kg CO₂/MJ (Hong and Slatick, 1994)

^c Assuming average U.S. household electricity usage of 90 MJ/d (25kWh/d) and biogas-to-electricity conversion efficiency of 34% (10000 BTU/kWh) (Speece, 1996)

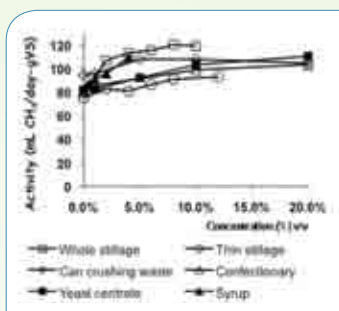


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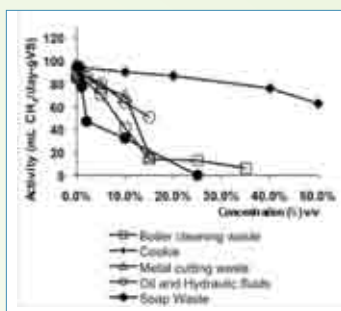


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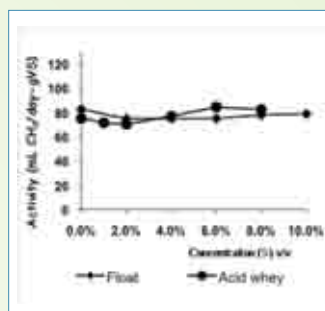


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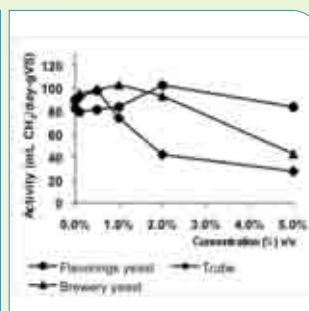


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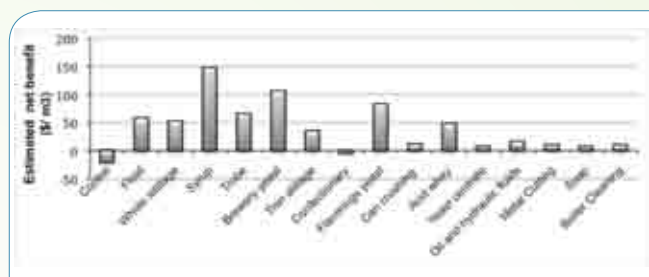


Figure 6. Co-digestate cost-benefit analysis results

feed or food additive). Based upon all factors, the five most promising wastes for further bench- and pilot-scale testing were as follows: (1) float, (2) flavorings yeast, (3) thin stillage, (4) acid whey and (5) soft drinking can crushing waste.

Performance of bench-scale co-digesters

The average methane production rates of Control, Co-Digester 1 and Co-Digester 2 systems are presented in Figure 7. During the co-digestion period (Days 55 to 100), methane production rates of Co-Digester 1 and 2 systems increased by 105% and 66% in comparison to the Control systems, respectively. Of course, when extra organic carbon was added to the co-digesters, the methane production rate was expected to increase. But the extra methane production from the additional co-digestate carbon was theoretically anticipated to be 57% and 23% greater from Co-Digesters 1 and 2, respectively. Therefore, the additional methane resulting from synergism in Co-Digesters 1 and 2 was 48% and 43% of the Control methane production.

Bench-scale digester results were used to estimate the energy production and carbon dioxide avoidance from full-scale co-digestion that will be pilot tested within three months (see Table 2). Co-Digester 1 and 2 scenarios were estimated to result in a decrease in net CO₂ emissions assuming that biogas replaces coal as fuel (see Table 2).

Conclusions

Promising co-digestates can be identified based on waste characteristics as well as the volume of waste produced and apparent toxicity. A simple net benefit analysis of promising co-digestates is one tool to select materials for full-scale co-digestion. The co-digestion of five wastes (float, spent yeast, thin stillage, acid whey and soft drink can crushing waste) in addition to primary sludge is potentially feasible in full-scale. Co-digestion of these wastes increased biogas production significantly more than that

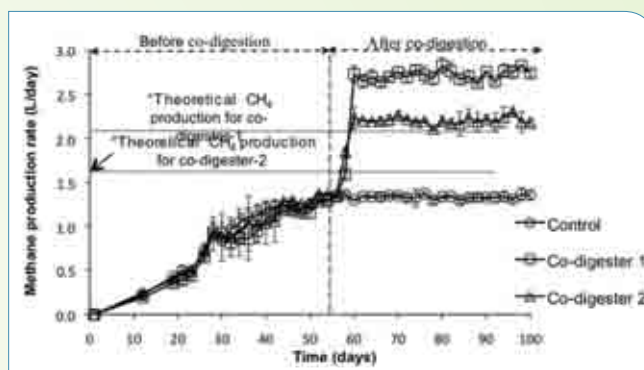


Figure 7. Methane production rate of digesters

*Theoretical CH₄ production = CH₄ production from control + theoretical CH₄ production of co-digestates which was calculated using BMP values of co-digestates

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the value predicted based upon BMP values alone. In conclusion, co-digestion is one method to increase renewable energy production via anaerobic digestion.

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The Water Environment Federation (WEF) is proud to announce the first recipients of the WEF Fellow Recognition Program. Approved by the Board of Trustees last July, the new program honors the professional achievements, stature, and contributions of WEF members in various fields of water expertise. A total of 17 WEF members were approved by the Board to be honored during this inaugural year.

"WEF takes a great deal of pride in the vast knowledge base of our members and in honor of that, felt it was very important to provide a distinguished recognition program," said WEF President Jeanette Brown. "We are very pleased to celebrate not only the personal achievements of this year's Fellows, but also the invaluable role WEF has as a leading water quality organization."

The Fellow Recognition Program recognizes professional accomplishments in the professional segments served by WEF, and reinforces WEF's reputation as a valuable water quality resource, due in large part to the expertise of its diverse membership. Some areas of recognition include design, education, operations, regulation, research, and utility management/leadership.

The WEF Fellow Recognition program is an element of WEF's respected Awards & Recognition program. Fellow recipients will be recognized during WEFTEC®, WEF's annual technical exhibition and conference, and will be permitted to use the WEF Fellow designation following their name, in a professional capacity. [CS](#)

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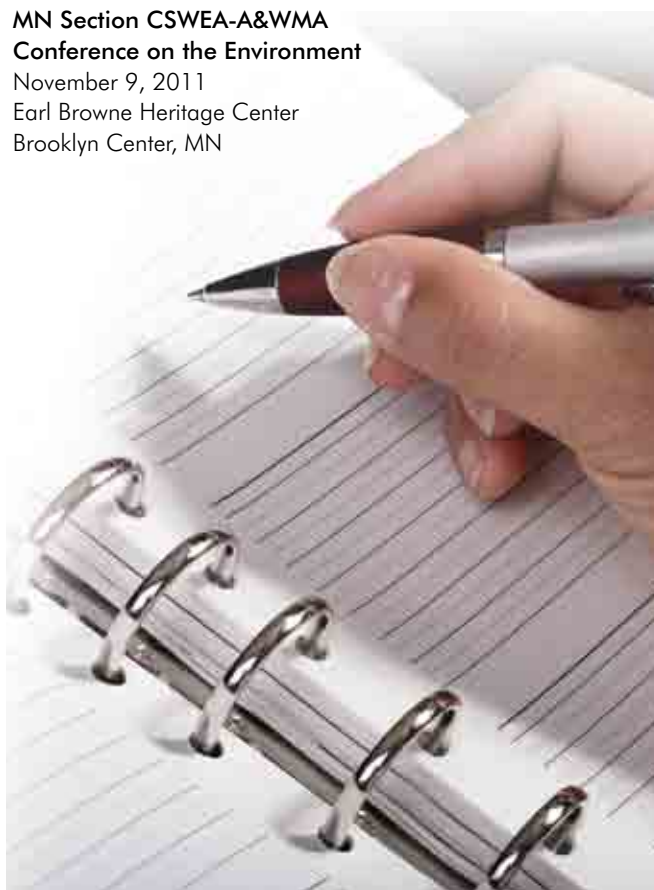
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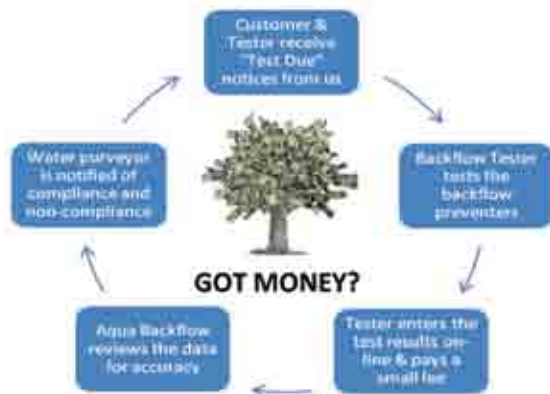
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Enjoy Water

By Jane Carlson

I'm happy to serve as your Wisconsin Section Chair for 2011-2012. It's a great honor because I happen to really appreciate water and this organization.

I've always loved water. Growing up, I had the good fortune to spend most summers at a northern Michigan lake. It was clear and cold and full of perch. We kids were constantly in the water. Eventually I became aware that not all waters were as beautiful as that northern lake. I wanted to help fix that, and have never regretted my career choice.

I've always really liked CSWEA and the Wisconsin Section in particular. It's hard to imagine any professional group more dedicated and fun-loving than us. I was introduced to CSWEA in the late 1980s by a "seasoned" professional. I joined a committee at his urging and met more people. More recently I've served as a member and chair of other committees and have participated in many meetings and events. We active members should remember how we started and encourage others to join and participate.



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I'd like to thank our past Section Chair, Keith Haas, for his dedication and service. Keith is a great role model and I'm happy that he'll remain active on the board for the next year or more. Through the hard work of Keith, Secretary-Treasurer Dave Arnott, GAC Chair Brandon Koltz, and many others, the Section

accomplished much this past year in the regulatory arena and beyond. Thanks to Tom Sigmund for serving as our Trustee and experienced guide.

Past Chair Jim Beier rolled off the board in May, and his service was truly appreciated. He will soon be leaving the state to provide a much greater service to our country, and we wish him well and look forward to his safe return.

I'd also like to thank past Section committee chairs Bill Oldenburg (Industrial Waste), Andrew Craven (Collection Systems), and Trevor Ghylin (Students and Young Professionals). They did outstanding jobs organizing seminars and events and

planning for smooth transitions to new committee chairs. Our committees are the heart and soul of this organization and are very strong. I encourage all members to review the committee information on our website (www.cswea.org/wisconsin/) and get involved if possible.

Speaking of committees, as vice chair, Bill Oldenburg is charged with updating our Section's Strategic Plan. He will soon form a small committee for this purpose. Please let Bill or me know if you would like to help. Past strategic plan updates are on our website.

The Annual Meeting in Brooklyn Park, MN in May was a big success. We hope to see you at a summer event. Consider participating in CSX this July to collaborate with other State Section leaders for the continued improvement of our organization. The Northwoods Collection System Seminar is in July and Management Seminar is in August. Watch for the Brewers S&YP event and summer board meeting in August, too.

Through the years, I've continued to appreciate water and all its uses, from swimming to skiing to brewing beer. I still want to protect and restore it. I believe we CSWEA members are true environmental advocates because our daily actions are geared to doing just that. I hope you can take some time to enjoy water this summer. [CS](#)



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Significant Goals

By Dean Wiebenga

The CSWEA Annual Meeting is in the books. I would like to commend the Minnesota Section for hosting the conference this year and a job well done.

I am honored to serve as the Illinois Section Chair. As Vice Chair I was able to begin the strategic planning sessions for the Section that will be occurring in the coming years. Our Strategic Planning Committee developed a strategy and plan, set goals and set steps to accomplish our goals. The most significant goal of the plan is to create depth on the committee rosters and broaden the knowledge on each of the committees. A committee of one is often overwhelmed and can find it difficult to move forward rather than maintain the status quo.

Our Section has started talking about the topics we want to tackle in the coming year. Carl Fischer, Baxter and Woodman will take the lead of the Government Affairs Committee with Tom Lenz of North Shore Sanitary District. They will work together with the IWEA and regulators to address the regulatory issues that impact our region.

The Collection System Committee, led by Derek Wold of Baxter and Woodman, has put together an excellent technical conference held in conjunction with the IAWA and the Fox Valley Operators Association. The committee has done an excellent job of building this in to a MUST ATTEND event.


The Operations Committee is planning on an open forum discussion at the Operations Seminar to be held September 7, 2011 at the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District. Committee Chair Jim Huchel, Crystal Lake has done a great job of building this committee.



The success of any organization depends on the commitment and involvement of the members. We intend to get members involved in our organization so they will see the value of attending seminars and share that value with their superiors and other professionals. We already have more people involved in our committees: our goal is to have committees of three or four people. With this increased involvement, we will better understand what you are looking for in a seminar. I encourage you to attend a seminar and/or contact one of the Section Chairs and let them know your needs. With your help we can build a Section that will move forward rather

than maintain the status quo.

Finally, significant thanks to Gary Scott, Glenbard Wastewater Authority, for his continued hard work as Illinois Section Trustee. To Eddie McCall, CDM, for his efforts as Illinois Section Chair and building the Illinois Section by increasing outreach to other organizations.

I hope by the next issue baseball will still be meaningful in Chicago! 

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Investing in the Future

By John Friel

Thanks for your interest in the MN Section and for taking the time to read this message. Hopefully this finds you well and enjoying a warm summer day. I will try to provide you with some useful updates and insights on the upcoming year. But first, I would like to thank Ted Field for his service and leadership as the MN Section Chair during the past year. It was especially exciting to follow in his footsteps and become the new MN Section Chair at the 84th Annual CSWEA Meeting right here in Minnesota. Many thanks should also go out to the local arrangements and technical program committees, and all the other volunteers involved with making the annual meeting another success.



MN Section Meeting highlights – Legislative fly-in and Membership Committee plans

At the Annual CSWEA Meeting the Minnesota Section held a breakfast meeting, which included the treasurer's report from Alison Sumption and updates from the committees. Rob O'Connell was also elected as the new vice chair. The government affairs committee provided an update about the recent WEF/AWWA legislative fly-in to Washington D.C. Mr. Pete Moulton represented our MN Section along with Mr. Dave Wagner and Mr. Bob Cockriel from MN AWWA. Mr. Moulton provided a summary of his trip and highlighted some of the initiatives discussed. He was impressed by the support, knowledge, and awareness of water and wastewater issues held by our senators, house representatives, and their staff. Tracy Ekola, the Membership Committee Chair, shared plans related to strengthening our membership, which includes an initiative to reach out to the universities across the state to increase awareness in WEF and CSWEA among students.

S&YPs: get out of the cube for some fun

The Students and Young Professionals (S&YP) Committee has built some momentum in the past year by hosting a plant tour and assisting at the annual meeting. The committee has networked with other S&YP type committees in other organizations to look into joint events. The S&YP committee has plans for more events in the upcoming year. A summer event is in the works. Please contact Rachel Radloff (rradloff@bonestroo.com), MN Section S&YP Committee Chair, Susan Danzl (sdanzl@sehinc.com), MN Section YP Coordinator, Dustin Maas (dmaas@sehinc.com), CSWEA S&YP Committee – MN Section Representative, or Dave Johnson, Students Coordinator, if you would like to know more about the committee and upcoming events.

Blueprint Minnesota: Liquid Assets – filming this summer and airing this fall!

This past year Ted has provided updates about the support and investment our section has provided for the production of the *Blueprint Minnesota: Liquid Assets* documentary project. This project is significant in raising awareness about how critical our wastewater, drinking water, and stormwater infrastructure is to Minnesota. The *Liquid Assets* documentary is an investment in our future. I am happy to report the documentary is scheduled to be filmed this summer and is planned to air on

TPT this fall. Please check out www.blueprintminnesota.com for updates and related information on the project. I think once this is completed it will become a valuable resource we can be proud of and can share with the public.

MWOA Conference: head north July 26-29, Grand Rapids

The 35th annual MWOA conference is scheduled for July 26-29, in Grand Rapids. It should be another great conference in northern Minnesota. The conference registration form is available on the MWOA website, www.mwoa.net.

Conference on the Environment: mark your calendar, November 9

Planning for our annual Conference on the Environment (COE) co-hosted with the Upper Midwest Section of the Air and Waste Management Association is already under way. The conference is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9 at the Earle Brown Center in Brooklyn Center. There is still plenty of room for more volunteers to help with the planning of this conference. Please consider volunteering or submitting an abstract or suggestions for topics to be covered. Please contact Ted Field (ted.field@TKDA.com), COE Planning Committee Co-Chair and MN Section Immediate Past Chair, to volunteer or receive more information.

Website and committees: check it out and please get involved

Many more people deserve credit for dedicating their time and efforts to CSWEA and the MN Section. They are the people who make this a great professional organization. If you would like to know more about the organization, I encourage you to please check out the CSWEA website (www.cswea.org) and click on the Minnesota Section page. There are many committees and numerous opportunities for everyone to get involved. Please contact any of the committee chairs or myself (jfriel@sehinc.com). We'd love to hear from you. Until then, thanks for your interest and have a great summer! **CS**

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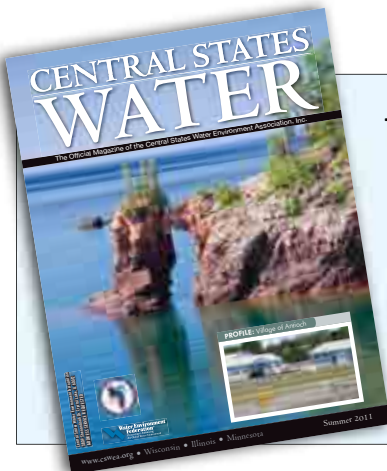
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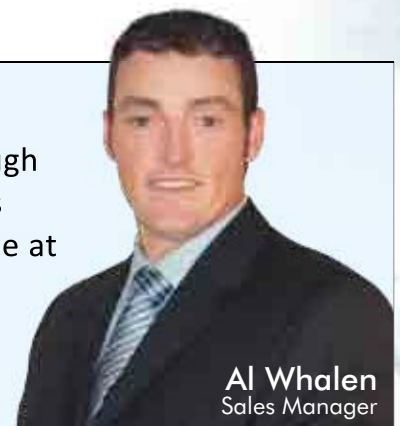
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