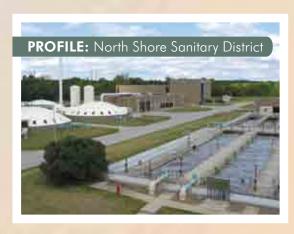
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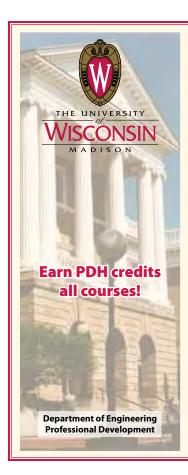
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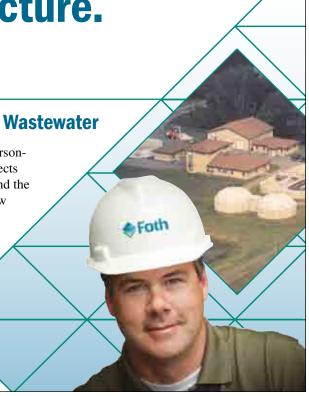
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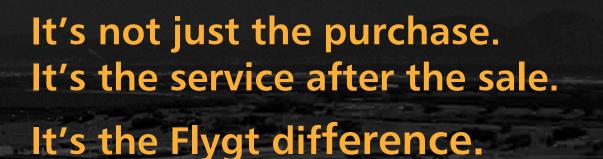
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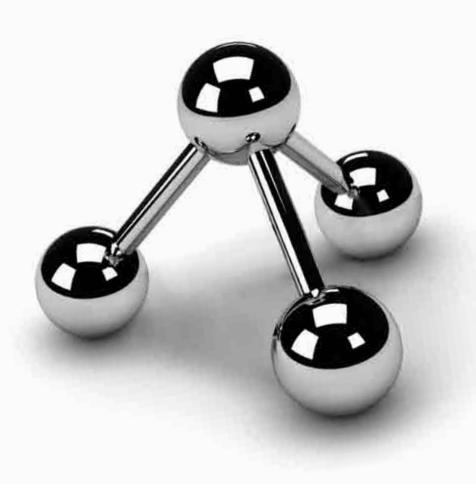
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## Encourage Others to Get Involved



By Jim Miller

t seems that every year goes by a little bit faster and we all have a few things we want to get done before the new year. One of my goals was to work to include more topics and workshops that will bring new members or revitalize existing members into becoming more involved. I have been talking a lot about getting involved and making a difference; well, it is time to do exactly that. Before this year ends I want each member to take a moment or two and think about ways to make a difference within this organization.

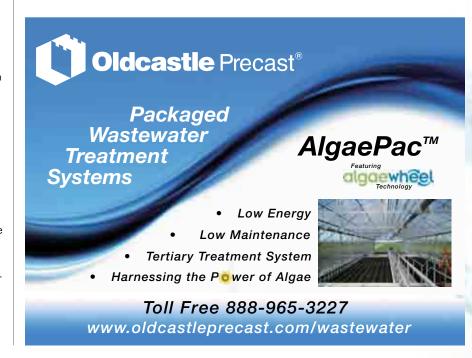
These things can be as simple as registering for a conference you may not have previously attended. Try picking up the phone and talking to that person down the road (or even down the hall) to find out why they haven't submitted a paper or volunteered to join a committee or join CSWEA and WEF. If each of our members were to get just one person to consider joining or put a little more effort into pushing a certain committee a little harder to present a topic that they are interested in at one of the seminars or the annual meeting — just think how large an impact that would have!

Speaking of impacts – those in attendance at WEFTEC in New Orleans got to enjoy a very good conference and thanks to all of our supporters who made it possible enjoyed a first-class reception Sunday night to kick off the conference. Scott Trotter, Jim Huchel and the committee did a great job of coordinating this year's event.

Our Operations Challenge Teams once again beat the odds and

represented our association in a fine manner at this year's event. The goals for our teams are to beat lowa, not come in last, and have a great time representing our association. There was a lot of interaction with other teams who found it amazing that our teams, who are made up of members from each of the State Sections and practice a few days, were able to compete at the level they do. Most if not all of the other teams are from the same area or facility and some teams are practicing the events five or more days a week for several months. The Madison folks, including Paul and Monty, have been a great help along with the coaches, PWO representative Charlie LaRocco, and the firms that have provided monetary and other support of the teams has been greatly appreciated. This year the PWO position will be open and the nominations committee has been working on finding a candidate or two to fill Charlie's position. As many of you know, Rick Ashling and I have been the coaches for some time and each year we have a small wager on whose team will place higher in the overall standings. As tough as it is for me to part with one of the hard-earned dollars – Rick's team did

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sneak away with a very nice finish and I presented Rick with one of his dollar bills that I have been keeping. That leaves me with only \$4 and a half in my running total.

The Design Team from Illinois should also be congratulated on their excellent second place in the competition. It is great to see them compete on the national level and do well.

The 84th Annual Meeting will be coming up fast and I personally invite each and every member to the conference next May in Brooklyn Park, MN at the Northland Inn. There are plenty of things to do in the area if you bring along family or quests. The Northland Inn is a great venue and is located on the northwest corner of the metropolitan area just off Interstate 694/94. Jason Benson and the committee are putting together another great technical program and the vendor show will be a great opportunity to view new and existing products and services for our industry. Be sure to let the vendors know how much you appreciate their involvement – they are an extremely important part of our association.

This time of year is also when a great number of holidays occur. Take a little time to be thankful for the opportunity to protect our environment. Reflect on the great friends and acquaintances we make through our organization. Be appreciative of family and those who support us in our profession.

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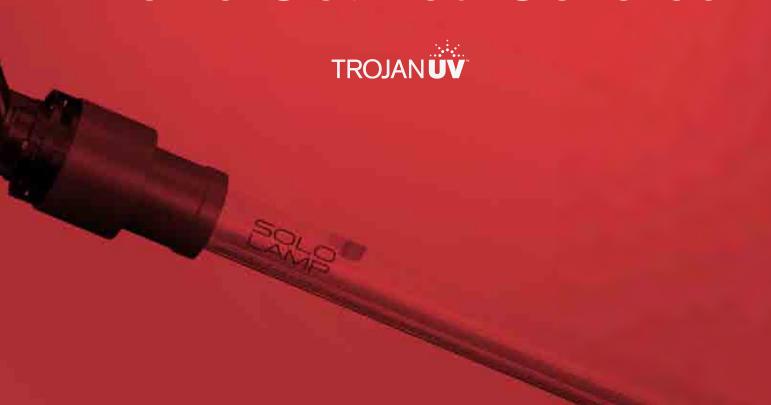
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One high point not to be missed will be the 6th Annual Midwest Water Industry Expo (MWIE) at the Kalahari Resort in the Dells, smack dab in the middle of the cruelty of a seemingly endless winter. What a great opportunity to sneak away for a couple of days, take in the many educational opportunities provided during the classroom Vendor Presentations or new this year, the booth-side quick talks. One of my favorite things about the expo (besides happy hour, the chance to win major door prizes, the enjoyment of meeting old friends and making new ones, and happy hour) is having the time to really visit with the exhibitors. The MWIE format was set from the start to enhance that vendor-visitor time, without the rush of so many other competing events, like technical programs, inviting and lush golf courses, or committee meetings. Why not take advantage of the low, low overnight resort hotel room cost of only \$99 (which includes water park passes). Bring the family, and have a blast! The dates are February 8-9, 2011, a Tuesday and Wednesday and we are all looking forward to seeing you there! Why not go online right now to www.wiawwa.org and register. Then call

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the Kalahari at 877-253-5466 and ask for the low, low MWIE rate of \$99 per night. That'll make the winter scream by and next thing you know, it'll be time for the 16th Annual Education Seminar, April 5, 2011 and the 84th Annual Meeting, May 15-19, 2011, and then summer time!

There are several WEFTEC '10 highlights reports throughout this issue of Central States Water and looking back it really was a great WEFTEC. The weather was fantastic and the New Orleans venue lived up to expectations. Over 250 CSWEA and IWEA members and sponsors attended our WEFTEC '10 Welcome Reception and had a wonderful time catching up with friends and planning their week. I hope you will all enjoy the photos of the event and please be sure to thank our many sponsors.

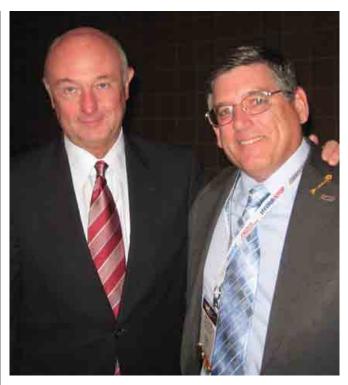
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WEFTEC '10 in New Orleans proved to be one of the most enjoyable that I can recall, and one can only hope that the weather is repeated as we enter the Chicago-New Orleans rotation

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beginning in 2012. In fact, we enjoyed WEFTEC so much I've decided to replace my normal grinning headshot with a nice photo of Mrs. Executive Director and me.

Finally, it was my good fortune to participate in a small luncheon with retiring WEF Executive Director Bill Bertera, who shared his thoughts on the future of WEF, and our member associations, and of the industry on a whole. The future is bright and while I will miss Bill's thoughtful and meaningful conversations, I am pleased for Bill, stepping away from a federation he has led so skillfully and embracing personal change while he was on top rather than remain entrenched in such a critical leadership role. How does that saying go, "always leave them wanting more?" Makes one think...see you at MWIE! CS



Eric Lecuyer and Bill Bertera at WEFTEC





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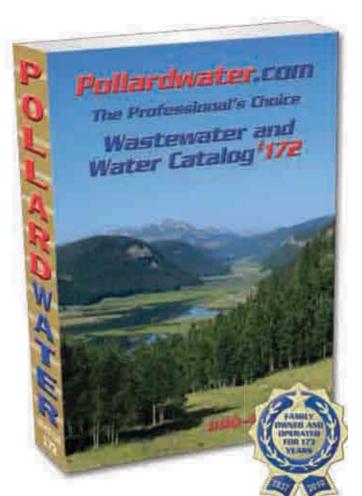
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#### **Exhibit hours:**

Tuesday, February 8 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Meet & Greet 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.) Wednesday, February 9 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### **Exhibit set-up:**

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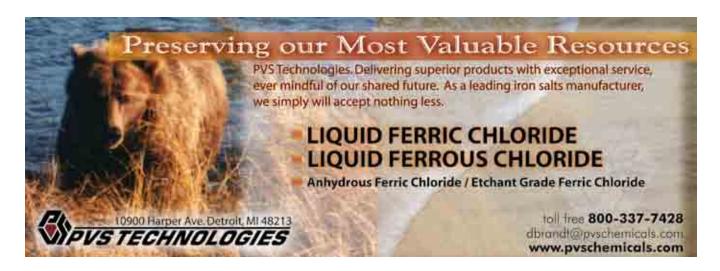
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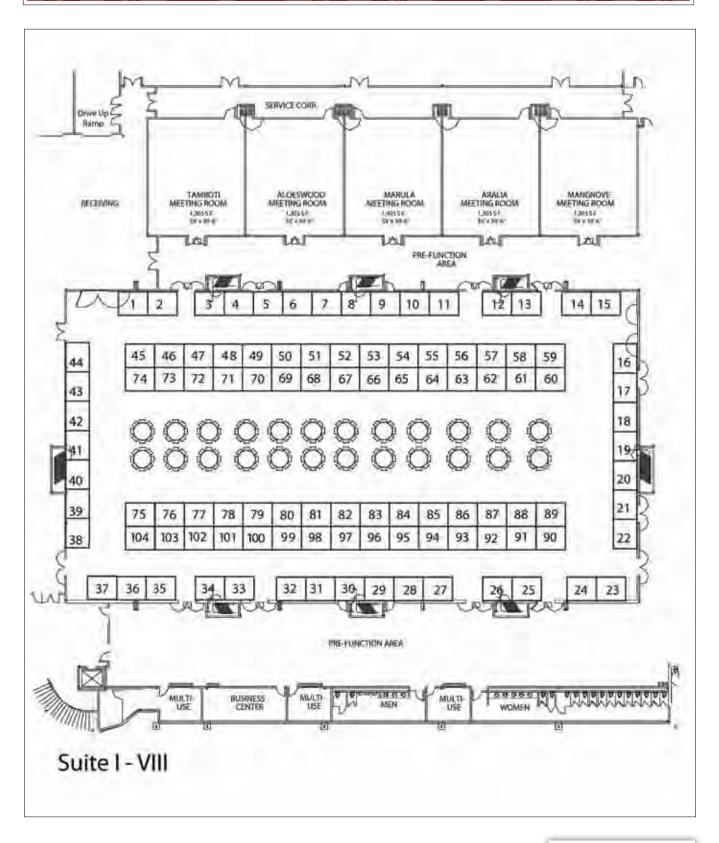
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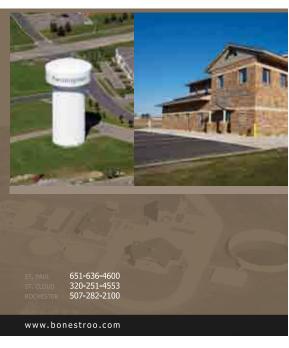
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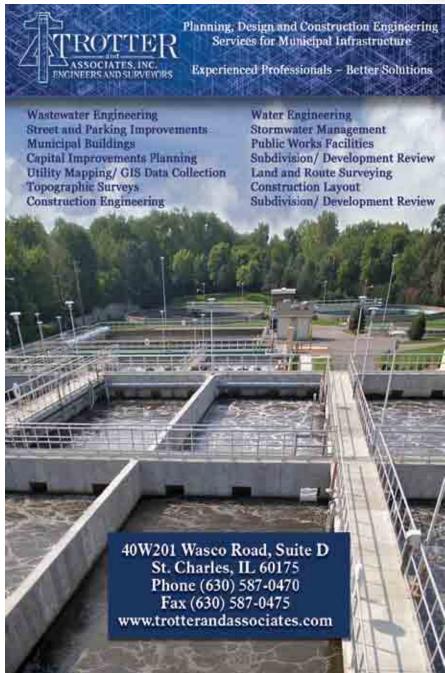
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## SECOND PLACE WEFTEC'10 STUDIET DESIGN COMPETITION, ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN DIVISION



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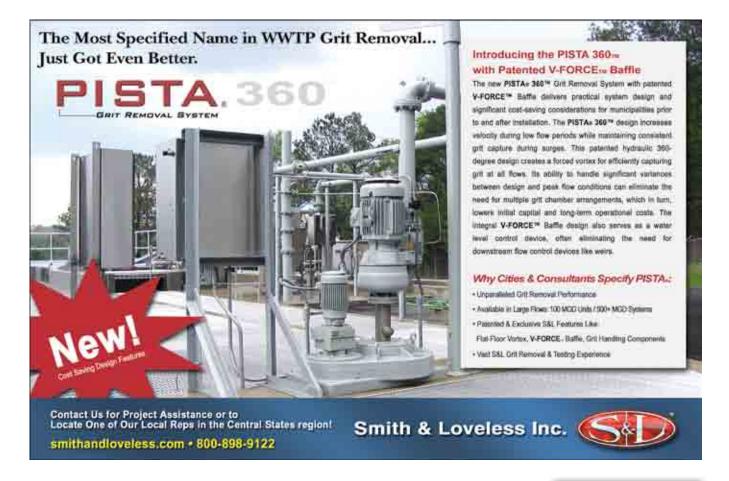
Removal of Waterborne Viruses Using Iron-Amended Biosand Filters

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## OPERATIONS By Charlie La Rocco CHALLENGE 2010

Congratulations to the Pumpers and Shovelers representing Central States at the 2010 WEFTEC Operations Challenge.

For the 23rd consecutive year, Central States Water Environment Association sponsored two teams, the Pumpers and Shovelers to compete in the Operations Challenge competition at the Water Environment Federation Technical Conference.

#### The 2010 CSWEA Operations Challenge Teams are:

#### **Pumpers**

- Coach Rick Ashling, Albert Lea, MN
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This year's event took place October 4-5, 2010 at the Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, Louisiana and consisted of 40 teams coming from across the United States, as far as Hawaii, to Argentina and Canada.

Winners were determined by a weighted point system for five events including collection systems, laboratory, process control, maintenance and safety.

Both the Pumpers and Shovelers were successful in coming together as a team and demonstrating their talents and abilities in all five events.

Todd Carlson stated, "We do have a reputation for doing well, working together and being truly a team, and that feels good."

Congratulations once again for an outstanding performance at the Operations Challenge competition. What a great job you guys did.

#### **CSWEA WEF AWARD** WEFTEC'10 REVIEW TO THE RES



#### **Graduate Studies Scholarship Award**

Patrick is a graduate student at the University of Minnesota where he is advised by Dr. Paige Novak. His research interests include studying the effects that advanced anaerobic digestion processes can have on estrogenic compounds in biosolids. He has also researched how estrogenic compounds behave in septic tanks and natural waters. Currently, Patrick is interested in how contaminants of emerging concern can impact biological processes in both engineered and natural environments.

Patrick McNamara, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Minnesota, is presented with WEF's Graduate Studies Scholarship Award by WEF President Paul Freedman.

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Loran Larson, representing SunOpta, receives the Industrial Water Quality Achievement Award from WEF President Paul Freedman.

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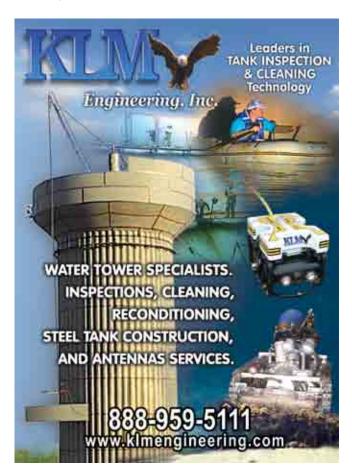
There is still time to submit a nomination for one of the many prestigious WEF awards and create the opportunity to recognize professionals for this special recognition. While often taken for granted, the work that each of you do is highly noteworthy and deserves recognition. Some of that work deserves recognition at the national level and nominating a colleague for such a prestigious award will help facilitate that recognition.

#### 2010 WEF Award nominations now being accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for the following WEF awards and should you be aware of a worthy nominee we ask that you please complete and return the bottom portion of this page for consideration. Note that it is OK to self nominate. Each award is briefly described below and complete information may be found on the www.CSWEA.org or www.WEF.org web sites.

Charles Alvin Emerson Medal: This award is presented by WEF to an individual whose contributions to the wastewater collection and treatment industry most deserve recognition. Areas of involvement include membership growth, water resource protection, improved techniques of wastewater treatment, and fundamental research.

Harry E. Schlenz Medal: This award is presented by WEF and recognizes the achievements of an individual outside of



the water environment profession, who takes up the banner of environmental public education. This person is typically in the journalism, film or video production field.

**Richard S. Englebrecht International Activities** Service Award: This award is presented by WEF and recognizes sustained and significant contributions to the furtherance and improvement of the activities of the Water Environment Federation in the international field.

**Outstanding Achievement in Water Quality** Improvement Award: This award is presented by WEF and CSWEA to the water quality improvement program that best demonstrates significant, lasting and measurable excellence in water quality improvement or in prevention of water quality degradation in a region, basin or water body.

Gordon Maskew Fair Medal: This award is presented by WEF and recognizes worthy accomplishments in the training and development of future sanitary engineers. Nominee must be a WEF member.

Public Education Awards: There are three categories of Public Education Awards: Individual, Member Association and Other. The awards are presented by WEF and recognize significant accomplishments in promoting awareness and understanding of water environment issues among the general public, through the development and implementation of public education programs.

George Bradley Gascoigne Medal: This award is presented by WEF to the author(s) of an article, which presents the solution of an important and complicated operational problem within a full-scale, operating wastewater treatment plant, which is appropriately staffed. Article must have been published in a federation or member association magazine/newsletter during the previous year.

Thomas R. Camp Medal: This award is presented by WEF to a member who demonstrates a unique application of basic research or fundamental principles through the design or development of a wastewater collection or treatment system.

The Phillip F. Morgan Medal: The Morgan Medal is awarded by WEF and recognizes valuable contribution to the inplant study and solution of an operational problem. A published paper is not required.

The George J. Schroepfer Medal: The Schroepfer Medal is awarded by WEF and recognizes a professional engineer for conceiving and directing the design of a project to achieve substantial cost savings or economic benefit over other alternatives, while achieving environmental objectives.

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#### North Shore Sanitary District

The North Shore Sanitary District (district) was established by referendum pursuant to the Sanitary District Act of 1911 and is the second-largest wastewater treatment agency in Illinois. The district works diligently to safeguard Lake Michigan and other local waterways, such as the Skokie and Des Plaines Rivers, from pollutants while providing wastewater treatment service to over 300,000 residents in 15 communities within its Service Area in the eastern part of Lake County, Illinois. The district collects wastewater from the local municipalities' sewer systems within its

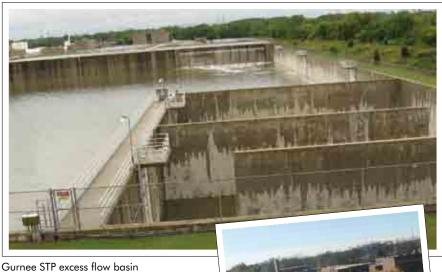
service area and conveys it via 125 miles of interceptor sewers and 11 pumping stations to its three advanced sewage treatment plants (STP) located in Waukegan, Highland Park (the Clavey Road STP), and Gurnee, which have a combined average design capacity of 63.4 million gallons a day.

The district's dedication to efficient treatment is evident by its continual achievement of operation and performance awards. The district's advanced STPs and highly skilled staff consistently discharge treated effluent that is of out-

"Secondary treatment utilizes naturally occurring microorganisms which digest organic material, reduce nutrients, and eventually settle as solids." standing quality. The final effluent from all three facilities has a monthly average of <1 mg/L for total suspended solids, < 2 mg/L for BOD5, and <0.05 mg/L for ammonia nitrogen. The effluent discharge during the disinfection months of May through October is also consistently <5 colonies/100mL for fecal coliform.

#### **Advanced treatment processes**

The wastewater treated at the district's three sewage treatment plants passes through a series of five major treatment processes. In addition, the solids produced by the wastewater treatment processes are treated and disposed separately. Wastewater treatment requires an intricate balance of physical, biological, and chemical processes, which are described below.



Preliminary treatment consists of mechanical screening, influent/overflow pumping, and grit removal. The grit is removed centrifugally at the Gurnee and Clavey Road STPs and via gravity at the Waukegan STP. The screened material is collected and disposed of at a municipal landfill, while the wastewater flows to primary treatment.

Primary treatment involves the removal of the settled and floating solids. Solids removed from this process are treated in the solids handling portion of the plant. The primary sedimentation tanks and Imhoff tanks (at the Waukegan STP) are designed to remove approximately 50% of the suspended solids and the BOD load.

Secondary treatment utilizes naturally occurring microorganisms which digest organic material, reduce nutrients, and eventually settle as solids. Primary effluent flow enters the first stage aeration tanks where biological treatment (activated



Waukegan STP aerial view

BOD. Following first stage aeration, flow enters the first stage clarifiers. The clarified first stage effluent is then pumped to the second stage treatment process. Sludge that settles in the first stage clarifiers is either returned to the first stage aeration tanks or wasted from the process. The second stage biological treatment process is basically the same as the first stage process except that the removal of nitrogenous wastes (ammonia) takes place instead of carbonaceous wastes.

Tertiary (or advanced) treatment is used to further improve the quality of the water. The second stage effluent flow is pumped through deep bed sand filters which significantly reduce



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Ultraviolet disinfection

"The solids that are removed during the wastewater treatment processes still contain a large amount of water so to reduce the volume of solids and disposal costs, the solids are thickened and then dewatered by belt filter presses."

the suspended solids and further purify the wastewater. After tertiary treatment, over 90% of solids and BOD have been removed from the wastewater.

Disinfection is the final step in the wastewater treatment process. Following sand filtration, the flow is disinfected by ultraviolet light from May through October. The Waukegan STP and the

Gurnee STP discharge treated effluent to the Des Plaines River and the Clavey Road STP discharges treated effluent to the Skokie River.

Solids Handling involves the treatment of the biosolids removed from the wastewater treatment processes. The solids that are removed during the wastewater treatment processes still

contain a large amount of water so to reduce the volume of solids and disposal costs, the solids are thickened and then dewatered by belt filter presses. The dewatered biosolids are then loaded into trailers and transported to the Zion Sludge Recycling Facility for drying prior to disposal.

The solids at the Clavey Road STP located in Highland Park, undergo anaerobic digestion prior to dewatering by the belt filter presses.

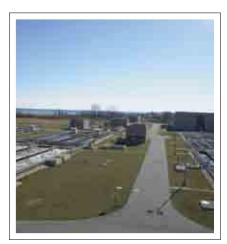
#### **Plant capacity**

All three of the district's advanced sewage treatment plants have permitted excess flow facilities. Built in 1935, the Waukegan STP is designed to treat 22 million gallons per day (MGD) average flow and 44 MGD maximum flow. Influent flows up to 44 MGD are routed through the plant. Influent flows in excess of 44 MGD are pumped to the excess flow retention basins for storage. After the plant influent flow subsides to less than 44 MGD, the sewage in the basins is returned to the plant for treatment. Flows in excess of the storage capacity of the retention basins (38 MG) are discharged to Lake Michigan after screening, sedimentation, and disinfection.

Built in 1956, the Clavey Road STP is designed to treat 17.8 MGD average flow and 28 MGD maximum flow. Influent flows up to 28 MGD are routed through the plant while influent flows in excess of 28 MGD are diverted to the treatment facility's excess flow retention basins for storage. After the plant influent flow subsides to less than 28 MGD, the

Lake Forest PS underground basin





Waukegan STP

sewage in the basins is returned to the plant for treatment. Flows in excess of the capacity of the retention basins (20.4 MG) are discharged to the Skokie River after screening, sedimentation, and disinfection.

The Gurnee STP, built in 1976, is designed to treat 23.6 MGD average flow and 47.2 MGD maximum flow. Influent flows up to 47.2 MGD are routed through the plant. Influent flows in excess of 47.2 MGD are diverted to the treatment facility's excess flow retention basins for storage. After the plant influent flow subsides to less than 47.2 MGD, the sewage in the basins is returned to the plant for treatment. Flows in excess of the capacity of the retention basins (50 MG) are discharged to the Des Plaines River after screening, sedimentation, and disinfection.

"To further protect the environment, the district is currently designing extensive improvements to its other lakefront pumping stations in Highland Park and Lake Bluff."

In addition to the excess flow facilities at each STP, the district has also constructed storage basins at two of its pumping stations (PS) located along Lake Michi-



Waukegan STP

gan in North Chicago and in Lake Forest. The storage basin at the Lake Forest PS was the most recently constructed basin and is a two million underground storage basin with automatic flushing gates. To further protect the environment, the district is currently designing extensive improvements to its other lakefront pumping stations in Highland Park and Lake Bluff.

#### **Odor control**

The Clavey Road STP has unique operational challenges as it is a completely covered facility. The district covered the STP in the 1970s to control odors. To address possible future volatile organic carbon air emission requirements and to meet neighbors' expectations for odor control, the district installed advanced odor control



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Clarey Road STP

systems at the Clavey Road STP and the Gurnee STP in the 1990s. The installation of advanced odor control systems have led to a significant reduction in odor complaints. The district has also proactively initiated work at the Waukegan STP to install an odor control system in anticipation of the City of Waukegan's future lakefront development plan.

#### **Process automation**

Each of the three district sewage treatment plants as well as its pumping stations are fully automated and operate with only two operators in one eight hour shift, five days per week. The rest of the time the plants



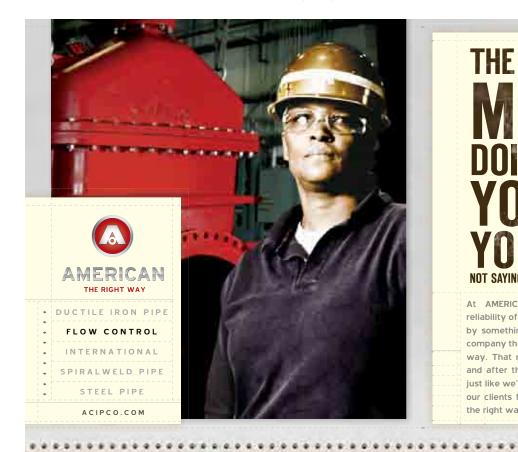
Clarey Road STP

operate unstaffed. Each process in the plants is automated using programmable logic controllers (PLCs). The PLC systems have been designed to withstand and recover from momentary power outages and equipment failures.

During the time the plants have been running with this automation, the plant effluent standards have been maintained so that all three plants have continued to meet the criteria for the National Association of Clean Water Agencies' Silver, Gold or Platinum awards each year. The automation has also been beneficial in terms of labor cost savings and in increasing the availability of operational information.



Gurnee STP



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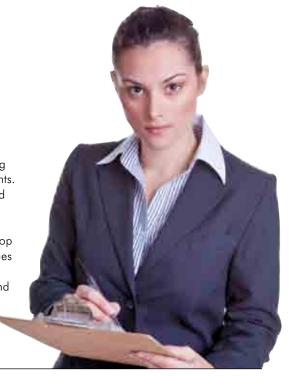
#### CSWEA COMMITTEE ON DIGESTER FOAMING REINSTITUTED

The CSWEA committee on anaerobic digester foaming was formed in 2009 to plan and execute activities to enhance the awareness and knowledge of foaming issues. Excess foam in anaerobic digesters can be a major problem and expense to correct. Causes of anaerobic digester foaming are not well understood. Therefore, the committee encourages exchange of information among operators, designers,

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researchers and others regarding potential causes and corrective measures. Last year, the committee conducted a survey of treatment plants to identify potential foaming problems and mitigation methods. The survey results can be found on the CSWEA web page. A half-day workshop on digester foaming was held last year and generated much discussion and ideas about foaming mitigation and plans for future events. The committee has been reinstituted for this year, and met on October 28 to discuss new activities. Future events may include a 2011 workshop on anaerobic digester foaming issues and control, as well as a refined survey to pinpoint critical causes and mitigation measures related to digester foaming. CS





Changing national emissions standards in the U.S. demand holistic approach to emissions management strategies at sewerage treatment facilities.

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Recent emissions standard revisions from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) focusing on stationary reciprocating internal combustion engines



By Brian Kromer

(RICE) emissions impact more engines and industries than have ever been regulated by the Clean Air Act.

In 2010 the EPA promulgated new amendments to the final rule on the "Subpart ZZZZ-National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines" or RICE NESHAPs. New requirements targeting compression-ignition (CI) or diesel engines were published in March 2010, while revisions for spark-ignited (SI) or natural gas and gaseous fueled engines were finalized in August 2010. These two

engine types are referred to as "CI RICE" and "SI RICE", respectively.

Both CI RICE and SI RICE emissions standards under the NESHAP (pronounced nee-shap) Subpart ZZZZ rule target HAPs or hazardous air pollutants, but ultimately cannot be separated from other EPA regulatory drivers that also impact internal combustion engines. Figure 1 illustrates the regulatory scope of the EPA with regard to total emissions of sewerage treatment facilities (to include RICE where applicable).

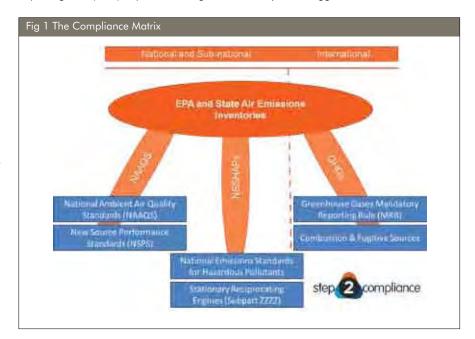
This high-level overview of EPA's regulatory framework can be likened to a three-legged stool, where Criteria Air Pollutants (CAPs), Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) and Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) represent the legs. Together, these distinct aspects of environmental air quality programs impact RICE in stationary applications such as gas compression, power generation, irrigation or other stationary engine installations. However, sewerage treatment facilities also face emissions constraints and mandates for fugitive emissions even if engines are not present because of the treatment process.

The ramifications of this recent EPA final ruling reinforces the need for a more holistic view when considering emissions mandates and requirements for reporting the compliance status on a single engine, fleet of engines or other fugitive or process related activity a facility may produce in total. This is because the same engine that might now be subject to new RICE NESHAP provisions must also be evaluated against other CAP-based requirements, which stem from the movement toward National Ambient Air Quality Standards or NAAQS attainment and compliance with the recently promulgated GHG reporting and permitting rules. Facilities also face air quality mandates that can vary on a state and/or county level. NAAQS attainment status by county for Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin is presented at the end of this article in table form. These summary tables will help in determining if a given sewerage treatment facility falls under any NAAQSdriven requirements.

2009 and 2010 have ushered in changes to NESHAP standards and the introduction of GHG reporting requirements, with more to follow yet this year possibly on the eight-hour ozone NAAQS. In 2011 we may expect to see proposed NSPS JJJJ revisions finalized which will impact stationary engines. Given

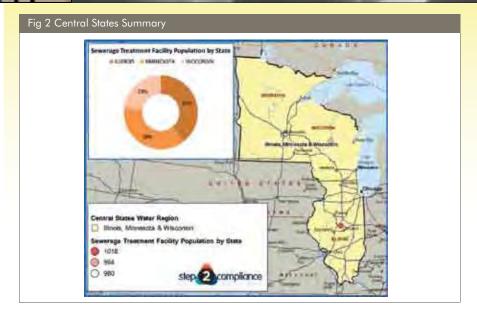
all these acronyms, one might need that three-legged stool for a seat on which to weather the onslaught of increasingly stringent legislation that washes over the industry. CAPs and HAPs account for two legs of the regulatory stool. The third leg, despite the current lawsuit initiated by Texas and several other states against the EPA, consists of amendments to major source permitting rules that for the first time address the incorporation of GHG emission limits.

The recently promulgated Mandatory Reporting Rule (MRR) impacts sewerage treatment facilities as well as other stationary sources of GHGs. The portion of the 40 CFR part 98 MRR which addresses sewerage treatment facilities was published as a final rule this past July. Fugitive emissions from the sewage treatment process are now not only evaluated against the criteria and hazardous pollutant trigger, but now greenhouse gases as well. Since methane is classified as a regulated GHG and also happens to be a by-product of sewerage, fugitive emissions and venting in the sewerage treatment process will in many cases trigger new environmental





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compliance requirements. The need is clear for an all-encompassing analysis of CAPs, HAPs and GHGs from the perspective of risk management when considering sewerage treatment, and/ or internal combustion engines operating

Illinois NAAQS Summary

as part of any critical infrastructure. Maintaining an operations and dependability profile of equipment may soon be superseded, at least temporarily, by regulatory mandates and reporting requirements evaluation.

	County Name	NAAQS Pollutant	Area Name	Population
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step a compliance	Kendall	PM-2.5 1997	Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN	28417
	La Salle	PM-10	Oglesby, IL	3780
	Lake	8-Hr Ozone	Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN (IL portion)	644356
	Lake	PM-2.5 1997	Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN	644356
	Madison	8-Hr Ozone	St Louis, MO-IL	258941
	Madison	PM-10	Granite City, Nameoki Twsp, IL	34284
	Madison	PM-2.5 1997	St Louis, MO-IL	258941
	Mc Henry	8-Hr Ozone	Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN (IL portion)	260077
	Mc Henry	PM-2.5 1997	Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN	260077
	Monroe	8-Hr Ozone	St Louis, MO-IL	27619
	Monroe	PM-2.5 1997	St Louis, MO-IL	27619
	Peoria	SO2	Hollis Twsp, IL	1999
	Peoria	SO2	Peoria, IL	125413
	Randolph	PM-2.5 1997	St Louis, MO-IL	3627
	St Clair	8-Hr Ozone	St Louis, MO-IL	256082
	St Clair	PM-2.5 1997	St Louis, MO-IL	256082
	Tazewell	SO2	Groveland Twsp (Tazewell Co), IL	21817
	Will	8-Hr Ozone	Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN (IL portion)	502266
	Will	PM-2.5 1997	Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN	502266

Since CAP standards such as NSPS IIII and NSPS JJJJ already exist, an engine's compliance obligation is known. However, for the final NESHAP rule on HAPs that was just published, a three-year compliance window exists for RICE owners and operators. This means sewerage treatment facilities with internal combustion engines have 36 months to address any criteria or hazardous pollution mandates that may now apply despite the operator's knowledge of the EPA ruling. Figure 2 summarizes almost 3,000 facilities in the Central States area that may trigger new mandates if they operate internal combustion engines.

Part of the August 2010 NESHAP Subpart ZZZZ final rule includes a provision for an engine to fulfill its NESHAP obligation by meeting current requirements that the same engine might already be meeting under CAP-driven rules, or specifically the New Source Prevention Standards (NSPS). NSPS rules established as mandates by the Clean Air Act legislation include Subpart IIII for CI RICE or Subpart JJJJ for SI RICE. Those factors demand a holistic view when evaluating a given fleet or even a single engine.

For sewerage treatment facility operators, the real challenge is successfully navigating the tangled bureaucratic policy that has resulted from over 40 years of legislation. The only thing about the described process that seems simple is the original goal of the describing the term "holistic" as Figure 1 suggested.

An understanding of all prior legislation targeting not only RICE, but sewerage treatment as a whole is essential to an accurate analysis. The project quickly expands far beyond the final rulings delivered in 2010, but the task is not impossible. This is why some companies have internal departments dedicated to managing compliance while others outsource air quality compliance work to independent environmental consulting firms.

This added analysis and compliance assurance exercise will carry an added cost in substantiating regulatory applicability if an engine or fleet of engines is determined to trigger the recently finalized RICE NESHAP. If the engine was already subject to the prior RICE NESHAP and was reporting under those provisions, this ruling may further expand the reporting requirements even if lower emissions are not mandated.



County Name	NAAQS Pollutant	Area Name	Population
Anoka	CO	Minneapolis-St Paul	298084
Anoka	SO2	Minneapolis-St Paul	298084
Carver	CO	Minneapolis-St Paul	60124
Carver	SO2	Minneapolis-St Paul	70205
Dakota	CO	Minneapolis-St Paul	339627
Dakota	Lead	Dakota Co	284723
Dakota	SO2	Minneapolis-St Paul	355904
Hennepin	CO	Minneapolis-St Paul	1116200
Hennepin	SO2	Minneapolis-St Paul	1116200
Olmstead	PM-10	Olmstead Co	82880
Olmstead	SO2	Rochester (Olmstead Co)	85806
Ramsey	CO	Minneapolis-St Paul	511035
Ramsey	PM-10	Ramsey Co	286128
Ramsey	SO2	Minneapolis-St Paul	511035
Scott	СО	Minneapolis-St Paul	78703
Scott	SO2	Minneapolis-St Paul	89498
St Louis	CO	Duluth	85986
Washington	CO	Minneapolis-St Paul	199782
Washington	SO2	Minneapolis-St Paul	201130
Wright	СО	Minneapolis-St Paul	81869



County Name	NAADQS Pollutant	Area Name	Population
Brown	SO2	Green Bay	226778
Dane	SO2	Madison	426526
Door	8-Hr Ozone	Door Co	27961
Kenosha	8-Hr Ozone	Milwaukee-Racine	149577
Kewaunee	8-Hr Ozone	Kewaunee Co	20187
Manitowoc	8-Hr Ozone	Manitowoc Co	82887
Marathon	SO2	Rothschild, Rib Mtn, Weston (Marathon Co)	125384
Milwaukee	8-Hr Ozone	Milwaukee-Racine	940164
Milwaukee	PM-2.5 2006	Milwaukee-Racine	940164
Milwaukee	SO2	Milwaukee	940164
Oneida	SO2	Rhinelander (Oneida Co)	36776
Ozaukee	8-Hr Ozone	Milwaukee-Racine	82317
Racine	8-Hr Ozone	Milwaukee-Racine	188831
Racine	PM-2.5 2006	Milwaukee-Racine	188831
Sheboygan	8-Hr Ozone	Sheboygan	112646
Washington	8-Hr Ozone	Milwaukee-Racine	117493
Waukesha	8-Hr Ozone	Milwaukee-Racine	360767
Waukesha	PM-2.5 2006	Milwaukee-Racine	360767

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When equipment is relocated (such as the case with portable equipment) or a new engine is constructed at an existing facility, new emission thresholds may be triggered. Moving equipment to a location with totally different regulatory constraints altogether makes the collective impact all the more challenging because of the dynamic nature of the analysis and the assured fact that the analysis will need to be revisited periodically.

Determining the compliance obligation for any industrial process or activity just got a significantly more complicated, and the regulatory air quality compliance landscape continues to change. Compliance is becoming a dynamic matrix that is specific to each facility with less and less generality that can be carried from one facility to the other because of the categories of compliance and the amount of legislation now in final form. However, the complexity or the lack of being informed will not relieve an owner/operator's obligation as changes in legislation continue.

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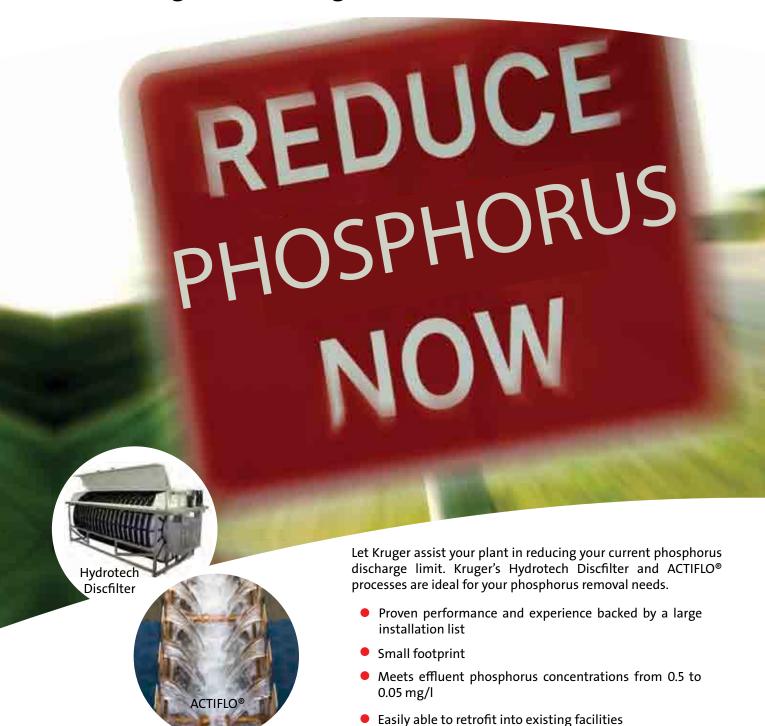


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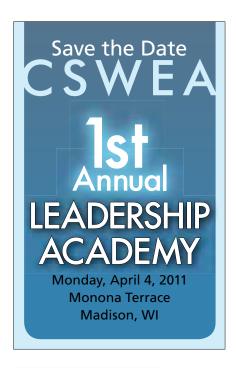
CSWEA's 1st Annual Leadership Academy has been set for Monday April 4, 2011 at the Monona Terrace in Madison, WI. It will be held in conjunction with the Education Seminar, which occurs on the following day, April 5. We are excited to start a new opportunity and believe it will add great value to our members. Currently, we are in the process of establishing the program speakers and presentations. Potential topics will include keys to employee development, how to successfully communicate with others, building team cohesiveness, building an excellent team, how to avoid giving the worst presentations, and some presentations that will relate to Education Seminar topic on the following day but have a twist for the Leadership Academy.

We envision each year the program will contain new topics as the Education Seminar has been successfully demonstrating. As such, we believe we are going to create a graduation certificate after a member has attended the program on three different occasions. We are also interested to see if it is worthwhile to have the program submitted to suggested agencies to gain professional development hours or CEUs. If you have an opinion relative to this matter, we would be open for suggestions.

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We anticipate the early registration fee for this seminar will be near \$75 and late registration to be near \$95. We are also working with the Education Seminar Committee to offer a discount for both events, which we believe will serve our members well by allowing some of their younger staff to attend both this program and one of the best technical one-day seminars in the country at a reasonable rate. I would strongly encourage our senior members to push for your younger staff to attend this event and I would strongly encourage the young professionals to push their managers to allow them to attend this event. We do need both sets of members to show an initiative for this program, otherwise it will not be a continued success.

If you wish to suggest a topic or presentation and/or would like to suggest a speaker for the Leadership Academy, please contact me via email: rich@leyassociates.com. We are actively seeking presenters and suggestions to make this program valuable for our members. We hope to see a great turnout on April 4 and if we do I will buy the first round at the Great Dane as we are watching the NCAA Basketball Championship. \$\mathbf{S}\$





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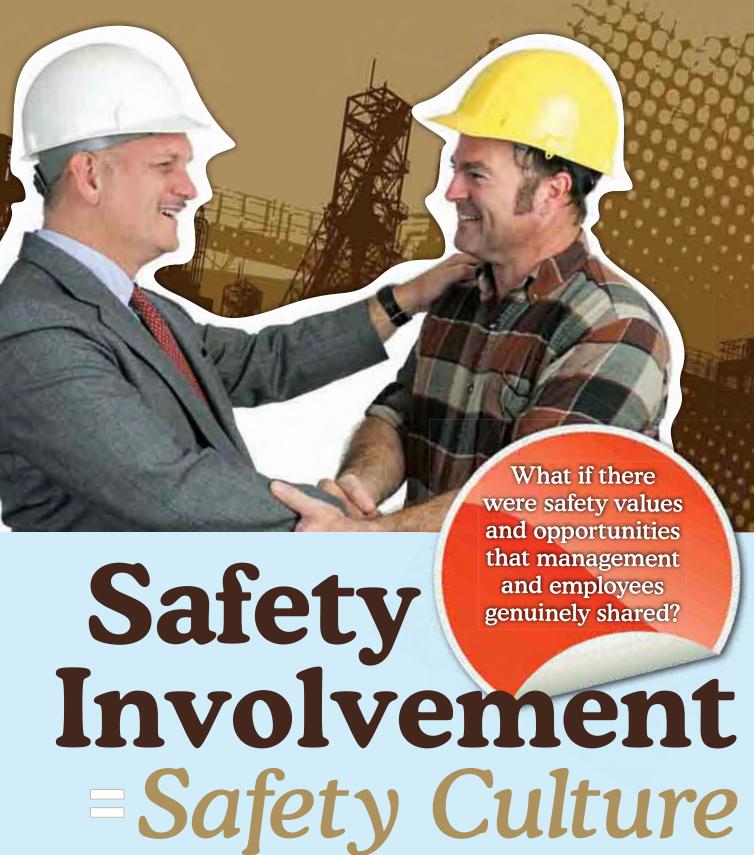
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By Gary Scott, CPMM

ack in the early nineteenth century there were no such things as corporations or big business in America. When the corporations ran their businesses, their few employees did what they were told, and hoped to go home to their family every day. When the manager made decisions, the ramifications of those decisions played out before his control, and maybe it all happened safely.

#### Safety Involvement = Safety Culture

**T**ith industrialism, though, came larger employee numbers and sometimes multiple locations. Big business and corporations were born and the directors of these businesses became further and further removed from the employee and safety.

You know what they say: "Out of sight, out of mind." The further removed directors became, the less they saw the effects of their decisions. The less they saw the effects of their decisions, the less concerned they were about those effects, and the more cavalier they became about the decisions they made. The spreadsheet was directly in front of them - people were not.

Indeed, as organizations grew, the more their safety morality dissolved too. Now when one made an immoral safety decision, it was easier to hide, and the burden easier to bear. The immorality then

rested on many shoulders - it was not "I" who did it, it was "we" who did it, and it was easier to justify.

So these times bred leaders who did not se, and often did not care to see, the ramifications of their decisions, and they had safety immorality. This can be a lethal combination. A good work ethic could be a dangerous

> thing in those times. Good people died in the effort to carry out this safety immorality. Enter OSHA: the Occupational Safety and

Health Administration. Specifically, enforcement of the protection of an employee's right to a safe workplace. Where there was not enough power in a few voices to get the attention of management, there was power in the government and these regulations.

Here is a novel question, however: What if there had been no immoral business leaders? I know you say, "Stop living in a dream world!" But indulge me for a moment and imagine. What if each industry at the turn of the 20th century was run with a safety first mentality? What if the business leaders had dealt with employees fairly and empathetically - the big businesses, the corporations, even the communities?

What if there was clear leadership for a safe work culture? What if the leaders were more concerned for the employees' safety and well-being than stuffing their own pockets with cash? What if there were safety values and opportunities that management and employees genuinely shared? What if employees knew that if they did their jobs well and safely they would be rewarded in their job and ensured to be able to go home safely to their families every day?

The answer is as obvious as an ambulance arriving at your front door. If the advent of a safety culture was not a response to abuse – and there was abuse - then there would have been no OSHA to protect your rights as employees.

Well, maybe that goes too far. Culture by its very definition is derived from behavioral patterns, development of social acceptance, and the product of communities. So we can assume that through cultural evolution leaders of organizations would have believed in the development, and eventual implemen-





#### Safety Involvement = Safety Culture

tation, of rules and regulation for safe work practices.

Most safety leaders today view injury avoidance or prevention as a responsibility that goes beyond the bottom line. A safety first culture is the only sure injury avoidance and prevention strategy that will win the day. This can only be assured, though, when the collective values and norms of an organization regarding safety are believed and acted on by everyone in the same way. Remember, it doesn't matter what only management thinks of an organization's safety culture, it matters what the entire organization thinks.

While each organization has its own unique structure and individual strengths and weaknesses, defining your goals and the means by which you

accomplish them is a hands-on experience.
Your organization makes a safe culture through its own efforts.
As with evolution, organizations must learn by their safety mistakes and poor behavior. Though injuries may

make your

question the effectiveness of

organization

your safety culture. These incidents must be seen by leadership as a catalyst for positive change. We must strive to lead in a way that benefits both employers and employees.

So how vulnerable is your organization to injury or death? These may not be at your door now, but they may be there soon. How is your safety culture perceived by your employees? What kind of communication lines have been established between employees and management? Do people believe they have a platform in which they will be genuinely heard? Do they feel they are safe in their

workplace? Do they perceive your safety culture as affirming, appreciative and rewarding?

The question then becomes where do you want to spend your money? Do you want to spend it on the miserable and expensive task of

recovering from disaster? Or do you want to invest in a safety culture that will keep your employees productive and going home every day?

A fair, safety first culture is the only effective, long-term defense against the intrusion of debilitating injury to workers, and continued organization effectiveness. Create this culture now, for a pinch of prevention is worth a pound of cure. \$\mathbb{G}\$

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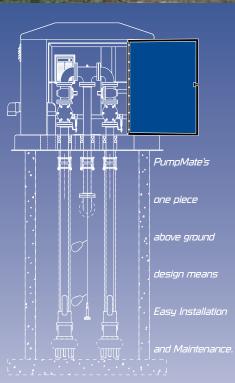
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#### A New Year is Upon Us

By Keith Haas

ith the November elections now over, the citizens of our state have spoken. For those of us in leadership roles it means that we will have to educate our newly elected officials at the local, state and federal level about our wastewater industry. A new governor in Wisconsin will bring about change to the leadership at the Department of Natural Resources. WPDES permit challenges will continue with thermal standards, ammonia, phosphorus, sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) and blending issues to name a few. Interest rates are

low, which should help wastewater plants and collection system managers fund improvements, however, money still seems tight. It seems that revenues are down throughout the state and that is affecting wastewater rates for all. The stimulus plan of a year ago did not seem to have a great impact on our industry as a whole. Many of us are still waiting for that spark to ignite the economy to stimulate sales of equipment and services.

It was just a few years ago that concerns about the retiring baby boomers was of great concern in our industry. Now employees are staying longer and employment openings and opportunities for upcoming wastewater engineers and operators are hard to find.

In spite of the slow-moving economy, attendance at our professional seminars remains strong. Committees within the Wisconsin Section of CSWEA have done a great job this past year providing quality programs for our members to expand their knowledge base. The watershed committee held their first webinar in November at Cabela's that was well attended both in person and at remote plant locations. This method of providing training over the Internet will be important as travel budgets suffer



in years to come. In our Wisconsin Section, we enjoy a strong fraternity of vendors, consultants, academic professionals and operators of our wastewater plants that work together to provide a clean environment for all citizens to enjoy. Most citizens take us for granted and we are OK with that. At the end of the day we are proud of the work we do and that is what really matters.

Looking forward to 2011, we have the Water Industry Expo in the Wisconsin Dells, February 8-9, the Government Affairs Seminar in Middleton February 24 and the Spring Biosolids

symposium March 22 in Stevens Point. It is hard to believe that another year has gone by. Opportunities exist throughout Central States and WEF to become involved in committees that expand our knowledge. So as you are setting goals for the coming year, make one of your goals that of getting more involved in your section activities. It seems that by the time we gather all the knowledge we need, it is time to retire. In speaking recently with a seasoned operator and plant manager, he said he didn't know why he waited so long to get involved. In most cases with our profession it's about the journey and not the destination. The journey affords us the opportunity to mingle and meet other people in our profession that think the way we do. Don't miss out on the journey and the friends you make along the way. You only go around once so make the most of it.

And remember to drag someone along. After all, that is how most of us got active and involved in this great Central States organization. I hope to see many of you at the upcoming CSWEA events in 2011 as we negotiate the snow banks and cold temperatures.



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Phosphorus, changing phosphorus regulations, and a review of the requirements of septage haulers are key topics in the upcoming Symposium. Big picture topics such as the future of biosolids, waste to energy, and long-range biosolids planning are also covered.

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## Membership Growth and Participation

By Ted Field

he Minnesota Section recently hosted its
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Association, an event that not only features a variety
of relevant technical presentations, vendor displays,
a student competition, and opportunities for social
networking and fellowship amongst our peers, but
also reminds us each year what an important and
vital organization CSWEA can be. The conference is
typically held in the first or second week of November, in the middle of what is potentially a transitional

season with respect to winter's impending arrival and elections that can change political winds, but our organization remains steadfast in its mission, continuing to plow ahead regardless of the weather or politics. Close to 200 attended this year.

At this year's conference we tended to our mission at our section's business meeting. Among many other matters we addressed, we discussed membership and the need to involve more members in the work of our section. We welcomed new leadership for our Student and Young Professionals Committee: Rachel Radloff as the section committee chair, Dave Johnson as the section's student coordinator, Susan Danzl as the section's young professionals' coordinator, and Dustin Maas as CSWEA S&YP committee representative. The work of these individuals to engage and energize students and young professionals just beginning their careers in our industry will be important in our efforts to increase membership. I like to think of it as developing the talent of our industry from within, like the Minnesota Twins, as opposed to bringing it in from the outside, like the Yankees, but that's all I'll say about that; the wounds from this year's playoffs haven't healed yet.



But membership growth and participation should never be understated. In her report at the business meeting Tracy Ekola, Membership Committee Chair, spoke of her committee's intention to connect with all new members right away and ask them to apply their dedication and talents by serving on one of our many committees.

The conference began this year with a keynote address by Dick Hemmingsen, the Director of the University of Minnesota's Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment (IREE). Dick spoke to how current trends in energy, land, and water use

are interconnected and collide with other economic trends such as population growth and food production. He followed up this message with a presentation of various technical topics that demonstrated IREE's ability to bridge the gap between pure research and commercial deployment. Dick's address was preceded by a video welcome from Senator Al Franken, who expressed his support and commended the work of our industry.

A particularly noteworthy event of the conference was the Student Environmental Challenge. This is an annual competition offering monetary prizes to student teams for creating sound solutions to true-to-life environmental problems. In this year's challenge, three student teams – all from University of Minnesota-Duluth – were asked to imagine themselves in the role of an executive of a power utility required to produce 25 percent of its energy from renewable sources. The broad technical knowledge and creativity of the students was demonstrated in the projects they developed; their solutions were based on combinations of wind, biomass, and hydro energy sources. The projects of two teams included wind farms on the Great Lakes to take advantage of the high energy potential far from shore while avoiding strong





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public opposition. Wind energy captured at night when demand is low would be used to pump water to on-land reservoirs from where it is withdrawn during the day for hydropower. Students had to defend their projects from environmental, financial, regulatory, and public acceptance perspectives. It was inspiring to see how well bright and ambitious students can apply their academic learning to potential real-life applications.

Kim Reynolds, Operations Committee Chair, presented at the business meeting an update on preparations for our 2011 Innovative Conference (Innovative Approaches to Wastewater Operational Problems), to be held at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud on February 15, 2011. This will be the 28th year for this conference. Among the presentations to be made at the conference will be a keynote address by Arthur Harkins, University of Minnesota Associate Professor, who will speak to organizational leadership, policy, and development in our industry. Mark your calendars and plan on attending this conference. As the Conference on the Environment proved, many positive things happen when we gather to promote and celebrate the common causes of our industry.

One last item to raise – to repeat, actually – is the progress being made on *Liquid Assets*, the documentary co-produced by the Minnesota Section of CSWEA to address the importance and condition of our water and wastewater infrastructure, particularly in Minnesota. Patti Craddock gave a presentation about the documentary at the Conference on the Environment and will provide us with another progress report at the Innovative Conference in February. As preparations of the documentary proceed, financial support continues to grow, but the project still needs additional funding. Check out www.blueprintMN.com for more information on how you can offer your support. CS

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#### Building Our Successful Organization

By Eddie McCall

ith the November elections behind us, we now begin the preparation for the holidays. To all of you reading this article, I would like to wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday season.

In early November, we held the quarterly Section meeting at the Glenbard Wastewater Authority. We owe many thanks to the folks at Glenbard for allowing us to host the IL Section meeting at their facility. The meeting highlights were as follows (full meeting minutes will be posted on the CSWEA website at a later date):

Shelly Cumbow provided the treasurer's report. The good news is the Illinois Section continues to show financial strength and should be able to maintain this strength going forward.

Roger Gyger provided the public education report and as always, continues to show his commitment to the WEF initiatives. Roger provided a mindful update on the Public Educational Resources freely available from WEF including World Water Monitoring Day, Liquid Assets – a 90-minute documentary produced by Penn State Public Broadcasting that discusses America's distressed essential drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure systems; Be in the Know...Go with the Flow – an easy-to-understand interactive program explaining the wastewater treatment process; Water... the Amazing Journey – a fun educational book for kids ages 6-14 on the journey of "Wasu" the Wandering Water Droplet; Water Source Book – a comprehensive guide for use by teachers and water quality professionals to teach youth the importance of preserving and enhancing water resources; and finally, Water is Life: Infrastructure makes it happen – a program developed by WEF to help educate ratepayers, local leaders and the media on the value of water infrastructure and the importance of investing in its long-term stability.



As we continue our outreach to young professionals in the college environment we are working to develop a program to encourage and support the college student chapter educate at the high school level in their respective communities, through use of the World Water Monitoring Day kits.

Roger is also looking for nominations to consider for Public Education Awards. If you wish to nominate an individual please contact Roger.

Mary Dressel provided the laboratory report. On October 19, the Laboratory Committee hosted their annual seminar. The seminar was

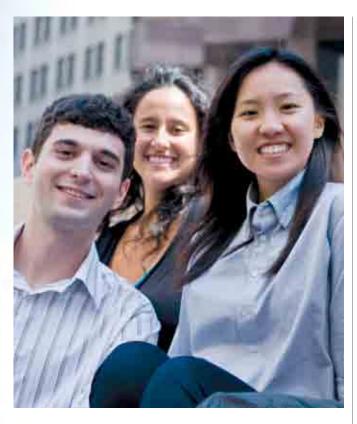
at the DuPage County Public Works facility and was very well attended. The key topics for discussion were related to Pretreatment Practices and Audits/Compliance in the morning session and Laboratory Analysis in the afternoon. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the folks at DuPage County Public Works for allowing the Section the use of their facilities.

As we continue to grow and build on the success of this year's seminar, we are already beginning to pull together ideas for the 2011 program. If you have ideas, please send

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them to Mary Dressel at the Downers Grove Sanitary District or Joe Robinson at the North Shore Sanitary District.

Mark Eddington provided the collection system report. As the conference was held in the previous quarter, the committee is currently focused on selecting candidates to receive awards related to collection.

Steve Bollweg provided the operations report. On September 22, the Operations Committee held their annual seminar at the Wheaton Sanitary District. Steve reported that the seminar was very well attended. The key topics for discussion included Dissolved Oxygen (DO) Control and the use of High Speed Bowers in the Aeration Process. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve and his staff for hosting the event.

Scott Trotter provided an update on student activities. We are piloting a new initiative at the University of Illinois to increase student involvement in the organization. This program is to provide seed money to the student chapter to help the chapter get off the ground. The money can be spent by the student chapter on any events or projects of its own choosing but the chapter use of the funds must be reported back to the Illinois Section. Some suggestions include conference travel or food and drink for young professional (YP) events hosted by the Student Chapter. We are also encouraging the UIC student chapters to seek matching funds from their respective departments at the university. Based on the success of this program this seed money may be available for other colleges or universities that wish to begin a student chapter.

Garry Scott and Doc Burke provided an update on the Maintenance and Safety Seminar. The seminar was held at the Naperville Safety Center and was very well attended. The key topics for discussion were Pump Efficiency, Digester Gas Monitoring and Valve Operator Selection. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the folks at the Naperville Center for allowing the Section use of their facilities.

As always, we are looking for new members to join our organization and the various committees of Central States WEA. If you have not considered joining Central States, I would like to extend an invitation for you to do so. There are so many dynamic people in the organization waiting to meet you. Until next time, many thanks to all of you for taking the time to build our successful organization, The Central States Water Environment Association. CS



Plans are under way for our 84th Annual Meeting this May 15-19 at the Northland Inn, in Brooklyn Park, MN. The Local Arrangements Committee, under the leadership of Chair Sandy Mass, is making plans for an outstanding annual meeting, chock-full of fun, networking opportunities, and socializing to go along with an outstanding technical program. Our Technical Program Committee, under the leadership of Chair Jason Benson, is working to provide an excellent program of relevant technical sessions sure to capture your interest.

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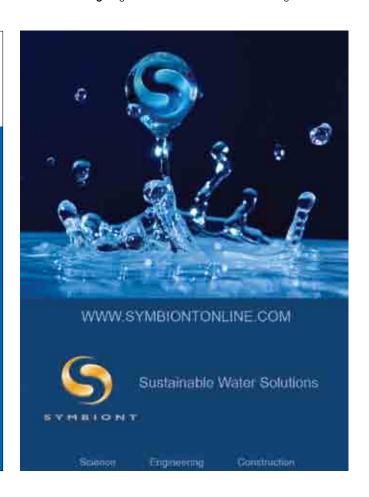
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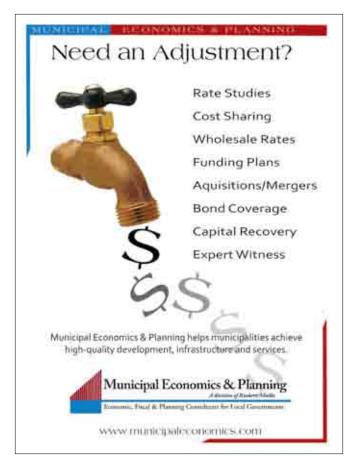
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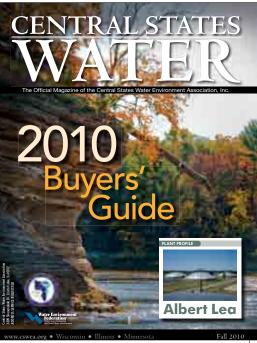


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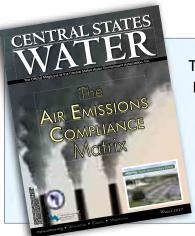


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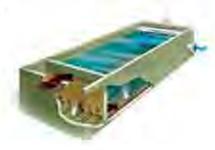


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