



Iowa Chapter January 2002 Newsletter  
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### **November Highlights**

The November meeting was held in Altoona. Guest speakers were James Hahn, Chair of the House Environmental Protection Committee, and Terry Townsend, Chair of the Environmental Protection Commission. Topics included the rule making process in Iowa and the environmental agenda.

### **Pete Hamlin to Retire**

Mr. Hamlin, Air Quality Bureau Chief, will retire in January. Early in his career, Mr. Hamlin worked at the Office of Planning and Programming. He went on to be Administrator of the Land Quality Division (then Department of Environmental Quality-DEQ). During his time at the agency, DEQ became Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and divisions were re-structured. He became Bureau Chief for Bureau of Air and Land and is currently serving as Air Quality Bureau Chief

Mr. Hamlin has been actively involved in the prevention and control of air pollution for many years. Iowa was a non-attainment state when he joined the agency, but Iowa no longer has any non-attainment areas. Even though Iowa's air program has a low operating budget relative to other states, Iowa continues to maintain it's attainment status.

He has also been involved in many other organizations including the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC), State and Territorial Air Pollution Program Administrators (STAPPA), and CenSARA (Central States Air Resources).

CenSARA is a group which shares technical information and skills and which works for consistency in permitting, monitoring, and modeling. The group addresses issues that are unique to this region. One of the topics addressed by the group, was the OTAG (Ozone Transport Assessment Group) classification. As a result of his work with CenSARA, it was demonstrated that requiring controls on Iowa would have negligible impact in eastern cities.

### **Thank You Pete Hamlin**

The Officers and Board Members would like to thank you for your support of the Iowa Chapter of Air and Waste Management Association (AWMA). Year after year, you have accepted our invitations to present on various topics. We value your involvement in our association.

One of our association goals is to provide a means for information exchange, particularly between DNR, consultants, and the regulated community. We appreciate the time and effort of DNR staff to present on topics of interest to AWMA members. DNR speakers are the most requested speakers. This is reflected in the high member turnout that we have when DNR staff members are speaking.

We wish you the best of luck in your new endeavors. Please keep in touch.

### **Coming In March ... Best Practices On Workforce Training For Environment, Health, And Safety.**

We still need volunteers to set up a display on their organization's EHS training. Tell us about how you identify your training needs, how training is delivered, and how you have improved training over the years. Do you have training program materials, computer based training software, videos, web-based training to share? As environment, health, and safety professionals, we are always looking for effective techniques, tools, and practices for delivering training to our employees. But we need your help to make this work. Call Jim Hodina at (319) 626-3990 if you are interested in helping.

## **Iowa DNR to Reorganize**

Iowa Department of Natural Resources makes plans for reorganization. The proposed changes include reducing the number of divisions from seven to three and the number of bureaus from 21 to 16. The plan also moves about 130 Des Moines office positions to the field offices. For more information, go to the following web site:

<http://www.state.ia.us/government/dnr/other/reorg.html>

### ***AWMA Iowa Chapter 2001-2002 Chapter Meeting Dates and Program Topics***

**Tuesday, January 8**

#### **Panel Discussion – Title V Compliance**

5:00 Social Hour, 6:00 Dinner, 7:00 Panel Discussion  
Amana Holiday Inn (I80 exit 225)

**Doug Campbell, Iowa Department of Natural Resources**  
**Chuck Corell, Iowa Department of Natural Resources**  
**Bob Dougherty, Vermeer Manufacturing Company**  
**Gary Douglas, John Deere Davenport Works**  
**Don Mohning, MidAmerican Energy Company**

Dinner is \$15 for members and \$17.50 for nonmembers.

Please RSVP by Friday **January 4** to

Jim Hodina: 319-626-3990 or [hodinajames@stanleygroup.com](mailto:hodinajames@stanleygroup.com)

Note: Cancellations are accepted through January 4 at 5:00 pm.  
After that, you will be charged for the meal.

**Questions may be submitted in advance. Speakers will try to respond to all questions.**

Please send questions to Becky Svatos as follows:

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#### ***Upcoming Events (Tentative Schedule)***

Tue. Mar. 12: Best Practices in Environment, Health, and Safety Training. To be held at the Amana Holiday Inn.

Wed. Apr. 10: Joint workshop with IWPCA Industrial Pre-Treatment Committee. This is an all day workshop.

Following workshop, there will be a university student poster session, dinner, and speaker. Speaker to be from academia. (Tentative)

Late April: Cosponsor TRI workshop with EPA Region VII.

May/June: Annual golf outing.

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