



Iowa Chapter January Newsletter

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November Meeting Workshop and Program Review

Despite the excessive winds on November 10th, the Iowa Chapter of AWMA held a successful workshop and meeting.

During the afternoon, Mick Durham of Stanley Environmental, Inc. and David Thompson of Thompson Environmental Consulting, Inc. presented a dispersion modeling workshop. The following topics were covered:

- Modeling History
- Definitions & Terms
- Modeling Theory
- Iowa and Other State Requirements
- Modeling Traps & Tricks
- Future of Modeling

During the evening program Mark Smith of EPA Region VII completed a general presentation and answered questions regarding 112(r) Risk Management Plans. Mark discussed the following:

- Clean Air Act Section 112(r)
- RMP Applicability
- RMP Myths and Rumors
- RMP Compliance Tools
 - RMP*Comp is a free modeling tool available at <http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/chemaids/rmp/rmp.htm>
 - RMP*Submit is a free reporting program that completes data entry, error checking, and output in the standard format. Available at www.epa.gov/ceppo
- EPA/States/Locals Roles in Implementing 112(r)
- RMP Due Date; June 21, 1999

Mark Smith announced during his presentation that EPA had decided not to post Off Site Consequence Analysis (OCA) data on the Internet. EPA reached this decision through an effort to minimize risk to facilities vulnerable to criminal or terrorist attacks. Registration data, accident history, and prevention and emergency response data will still be available on the Internet. EPA will determine another method of making the OCA data publicly available.

More Information on Electronic Permitting in Iowa

The IDNR in cooperation with industry has begun to develop a new computerized information system named the AState Permitting and Air Reporting System≡ or SPARS. The main purpose of SPARS is to create an electronic permit application system. This system will also allow industry as well as citizens to access air pollution control information such as local permit applications and emissions summaries. SPARS was tested in October and November by a team of ten industry compliance managers. Plans for incorporation of the test results and the implementation of SPARS are underway, and an IDNR website for access to SPARS is expected during the first half of 1999.

New ISCST3 Version Released

Dispersion model ISCST3 version 98348 is the corrected version of 98226 which replaced version 97363. The IDNR requires that this current version, 98348, be utilized for all regulatory dispersion modeling.

Meeting Dates and Program Topics

Amana Holiday Inn, 5:00 Social, 6:00 Dinner

RSVP by Friday before meeting

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Tuesday, January 12; Global Climate Change

Wondering what to believe about climate change?
Curious about what's really in the Kyoto Protocol?
Never heard of the Kyoto Protocol?

This presentation will be a broad overview of many aspects of global climate change. We will delve into the science of climate change, exploring and answering truths and misconceptions. The contentious world of global politics will be addressed to understand arguments framed by the Kyoto Protocol. After a review of the contents of the protocol, and a discussion of its chances for enactment, we will close with several items that are, or may soon be, pertinent to your everyday operations.

Our presenter will be Richard Ney, a local environmental consultant since 1991, and a regional expert on greenhouse gas emissions and mitigation efforts. He has been involved with the issue of global climate change since 1990.

Upcoming...

Tues., March 9; POTW Odor Project; Cedar Rapids

Tues., May 11; Asbestos; CAAA Title III Update, Elections