



Summary of September 14, 1999 Meeting

Paul Johnson, Director of IDNR provided a progressive vision for the future of the IDNR, Iowa's citizens, and the environment. Some of the goals he discussed were:

1. All Iowans accept that they are responsible for the land of Iowa (not just soil, but all environmental media and natural resources). A State of the State project has started and is to report on the environmental conditions and natural resources of Iowa. The Iowa governor is drawing up a 2010 vision for Iowa, and environment is one of the categories for the vision. IDNR will assist communities and institutions to celebrate Earth Day 2000.
2. There is much more public participation on environmental issues and concerns needed in Iowa. The Loess Hills Initiative is a good example of public participation. People must be made to feel that they are part of the landscape of Iowa. An example where public participation is needed is in the development of Iowa TMDL's.
3. There needs to be increased environmental education for adults and the public.
4. IDNR structure needs to be such that there is assurance that the necessary assistance is being provided to the public and regulated community. More field office staff is needed. REAP needs to be fully funded.
5. Bring good science to policy development. Animal confinement is an example where good science provided more meat product at lower costs. But large confinements have been sited on wetlands and other inappropriate areas. In the application of this science, the connection between land and livestock management was uncoupled. 75% of the nitrogen in manure does not go back into the crops. The current system of policy development needs to be changed.

Art Spratlin, Region VII EPA Director of Air, RCRA and Toxics Division also spoke. EPA has nine strategic goals they are working toward. They were (1) Clean air; (2) Clean water; (3) Better waste management; (4) Good emergency response systems; (5) Reduction of global environmental risk; (6) Expansion of Right To Know (SARA) list of chemicals; (7) Use of sound science in environmental decision making; (8) Credible deterrence and compliance with regulations; and (9) Community-based environmental protection program.

Public support of EPA's environmental goals is needed. Historically, there has been a lot of top down rules and legislation. It is hoped that there can be more collaboration/partnerships between industries, regulators and private citizens. Art believes that environmental solutions will be market driven in the future, like the acid rain program.

Facilities were encouraged to implement a Design for the Environment Program to carry pollution prevention to a new level by incorporating a buy green, build green philosophy. EPA's new office was built using DFE concepts.

Other issues of importance in Region VII:

1. Factory livestock farms.
2. Need for diesel particulate emission reductions
3. Urban sprawl.
4. OTAG technical debate continues even though the state NOx SIP call is stayed.
5. PM_{2.5} monitoring. It is up and running in Iowa.
6. Davenport, Wichita, and Springfield are close to being over the new ozone standard.
7. Regional Haze rules become effective 12/1/199. Tied to PM_{2.5}.
8. EPA's goal is to have all Region VII Title V permits issued by the end of 2000. Iowa will likely miss that deadline.
9. EPA would like Iowa to take back the RCRA program.
10. The definition of a federally permitted release will be published in the FR soon.

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EPA's role is to backup and assist the state and local programs to maintain compliance with appropriate regulations. However, if EPA finds a problem, it will take the lead on enforcement actions. EPA does a few air inspections in Iowa, and they issue citations during those inspections.

Mr. Spratlin ended the night by discussing his role with AWMA national and promoting the benefits of being a national member. Art can be reached at 913-551-7401.

NEXT AWMA Iowa Chapter Meeting

Amana Holiday Inn, 2:30 Workshop, 5:00 Social, 6:00 Dinner

RSVP by Friday before meeting

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Tuesday, October 12, 2:30-5:00 PM; Workshop on the Fundamentals of Stack Testing: Test Methods, Laboratory Analysis, and Calculations

**Guest Speakers: Mr. Doug Stone – Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources Air Quality Bureau
Mr. Neil Sherman - Compliance Services, Inc.**

Evening Topic: IDNR Air Programs Update

Guest Speaker: Mr. Pete Hamlin, Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources Air Quality Bureau

Upcoming Environmental Seminars and Conferences

- Fall Environmental Compliance and P2 Conference sponsored by the Iowa Waste Reduction Center and the Iowa Small Business Development Center. Contact Ana Maria Borts at 1-800-422-3109 or 319-273-8905. Conference dates and locations:
 - October 6 – Cedar Falls, UNI, Curris Business Building, Rooms 1 and 3.
 - October 14 – Ankeny, DMACC, Conference Center, Oak Room
 - November 2 – Council Bluffs, IWCC, Looft Hall, Fremont Room
 - November 3 - Sioux City, Western Iowa Tech, Building B, Room 161
 - November 11 – Quad Cities, Eastern Iowa Community Center, Student Life Center
- Environmental Audits conference sponsored by the Midwest Section of AWMA. Thursday, October 21, 1999. To be held at the Arthur Mag Conference Center, Midwest Research Institute, 425 Volker Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri. Register on line at <http://www.sound.net/~mwawma/meetings/99techconf/index.html>, or contact Bob Sholar at 816-741-1169 or Salvatore Falcone at 913-458-3380.
- Fall Industrial Pretreatment Workshop sponsored by the Iowa Water Pollution Control Association. Wednesday, October 13, 1999 at Amana Holiday Inn. Contact Fred Bayer at 515-754-5709 or Royce Hammitt at 515-323-8010.
- Iowa Recycling Association Annual Fall Conference and the Biocycle Midwest Regional Conference, "Waste Management for the Millennium." October 25-27, 1999 at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cedar Rapids, IA. Contact Garth Frable at 515-265-1596.