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Georgia Power Generating Facilities Embracing Pollution Prevention

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Georgia Power has incorporated the pollution prevention ethic into its operations. As an indication of their level of commitment, Southern Company created a pollution prevention and environmental stewardship goal for all generation facilities. The goal consists of 100 potential points, split evenly between compliance and leadership activities. Leadership is defined as pollution prevention or environmental stewardship – and includes activities such as pollution prevention training, visible support of pollution prevention programs, and participating in pollution prevention programs, such as the State of Georgia's Pollution Prevention Partner's Program.

Georgia Power worked with the Pollution Prevention Assistance Division in developing an "Umbrella" P³ (Pollution Prevention Partners) option, to facilitate participation of multiple plant locations. The new process reduces paperwork and the administrative burden for both the state and the participant. Georgia Power now has five plant locations participating. They are Plant Bowen in Cartersville, Plant McDonough in Smyrna, Plant Hammond in Coosa, Plant Scherer in Juliette, and Plant Yates in Newnan. Each facility has developed independent goals for reductions in hazardous waste, wastewater, air emissions and solid waste. The new process is now available to everyone, statewide.

The Georgia Power corporate Environmental Affairs office also hosted a P2 Forum April 30 – May 1 for all Southern Company organizations that were interested in learning more about how to implement new pollution prevention programs or to increase the effectiveness of those already in existence.

Speakers from several different generating facilities discussed their success stories. Also, attendees received a lesson on constructing process maps, which depict the essential work steps in a process. Process maps can be used to identify inefficient or waste generating steps in a process. From there, pollution prevention solutions can be visualized.

Congratulations to Past Chair and active Georgia Chapter member Joan Sasine on her election to the 2001-2002 Board of Directors of the International Air & Waste Management Association.

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Looking Back

*Joe Rozza, P.E.
Immediate Past Chair*

This past year has been a very good year for the Georgia Chapter. Our conference was a great success, our brown bags were well attended and we were able to provide \$1,750 in scholarships. At the Southern Section Annual Conference the Georgia Chapter was awarded the most outstanding chapter award - kudos to all! As I transition out of the Chairman's position, I want to thank all of the members of the Board for their steadfast commitment to growing the Georgia Chapter and delivering great value to its members.

Message from the Chair

*Della Ridley, CIH, CSP
Georgia Chapter Chair*

A new year for the Georgia Chapter has begun and I'd like to introduce our new board: Karen Dorman of Global Environmental Solutions is the Vice-Chair, James Laubenthal of Tetra Tech EM is Treasurer, Pamela Rosett of Lockheed Martin is Secretary. New directors are Marlin Gottschalk of GA EPD and Rochelle Routman of GA Power. Ira Pearl of Delta Air Lines returns for another term as director. Committee chairs are Joe Rozza – Education, Andy Marmaduke – Membership, Joan Sasine – Programs, Tom Bills – Publications/Communications, and Karen Dorman – Conference. The board meets monthly to plan meetings and activities for the chapter, and these meetings are open to all members. I encourage you to attend a board meeting, consider taking an active role in chapter activities, and communicate your ideas to us regarding meeting topics, speakers, etc. Your ideas are important – please help us in providing programs that are the most beneficial to our members.

A huge thank you to those who served the chapter last year: Joe Rozza as Chair, Craig Smith as Vice-chair, Steve Jeffords as Treasurer, Ron Methier as Director, and Darryl Dennis as Director. There were many accomplishments under their leadership, including upgrading the chapter web page (www.gaawma.org), increasing the number of corporate sponsors, expanding the scholarship program, and holding the very successful annual conference. Our chapter is a better organization because of their efforts. Next time you see one of these folks, thank them for a job well done!

And speaking of the annual conference, mark your calendars for Sept. 13, 2001. The Conference Committee has gone to great effort to line up well-known and respected environmental professionals to address timely topics. We have solicited your nominations for the environmental awards and graduate student scholarships, both to be awarded at the conference. Please take advantage of this outstanding, educational conference, and the chance to network with fellow environmental professionals. And bring a colleague!

A&WMA Conference Announcements

- **2001 GA Chapter Conference**
September 13, 2001, Gwinnett Civic & Cultural Center
For more information, contact Karen Dorman, 770.579.6097
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- **2001 Southern Section Conference**
August 8-10, 2001, Marriott Convention Center, Chattanooga, TN
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