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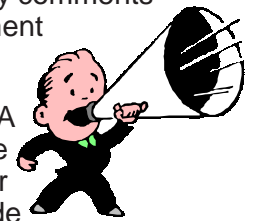
A Voice for Georgia Industry

by Paul Sims, GIEC Member, Chief Environmental Engineer, Southwire Corp.

What do you get when 60 environmental managers from over two dozen companies representing a wide range of industries in the State of Georgia are combined with the shared belief that environmental regulations and policies can, and should, be founded on protection of human health and the environment, sound science, and cost/benefit principles? You get the Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition.

Since 1992, GIEC has been providing Georgia industry with a strong, unified, technically-based voice on environmental regulatory issues. By creating opportunities for its members to deal collectively with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) on issues of mutual interest to its membership, GIEC has become an invaluable resource for many. This claim may best be supported by comments made by its own members such as "...the annual membership dues is the best investment my company makes."

The GIEC membership gets most of its work done through four workgroups: HSRA (Hazardous Sites Response Act), Water Resources, Air, and RCRA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act). Workgroup members meet on a periodic basis, sponsor technical and regulatory workshops, and draw on both member company and outside expertise to deliberate and comment on proposed environmental rules and regulatory policies.



HSRA Facilitated Dialogue

Currently, GIEC's HSRA workgroup is a major stakeholder actively participating in the EPD-sponsored and neutrally-facilitated, HSRA dialogue process. Suggested by EPD Director Harold Reheis, this process was in response to, and in lieu of, one of the recommendations made by the Joint Hazardous Sites Response Act Reauthorization Study Committee in its final report, which was submitted to the Governor in January 2002. In its report, the Study Committee recommended that there should be created "...a(nother) Joint Study Committee for the purpose of studying methods designed to increase the cost-effectiveness of the HSRA program and to make recommendations to the General Assembly by December 15, 2002." (Darahl Dennis, GIEC's Vice Chairman and Georgia Power Company's Remediation Projects Manager, was one of the twelve appointees to the 2001 Study Committee.) The facilitated dialogue is intended to allow a diverse group of stakeholders to candidly discuss how HSRA can be made more cost effective while maintaining its goal of

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protecting human health and the environment. The outcome of this facilitated dialogue will be recommendations for changes to law(s), regulations, policies, and/or procedures.

The third of six scheduled facilitated meetings occurred on July 25th where industry representatives suggested that EPD consider using exposure-domain averaging when comparing soil analytical data to HSRA Risk-Reduction Standards (RRSs), rather than the current point-by-point comparison. EPD will also suggest revisions to the HSRA Rules addressing potential changes to the RRSs, and other issues, for consideration by the dialogue participants at either the fourth (August 7th) or fifth (September 12th) meeting. The facilitator will issue his final report by October 2002, which will include, among other things, any agreements reached, any disagreements remaining, and a summary of the issues participants recommended addressing further.

TMDL Advocacy

In addition to closely monitoring the activities of the Joint Comprehensive Water Plan Study and Advisory Committees, GIEC's Water Resources Workgroup members have been actively following the development of various Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) by both EPD and Region 4 EPA. For TMDLs that are of significant interest to GIEC members, technical comments are often submitted to either of the regulatory agencies. When EPA first issued the Savannah River mercury TMDL in February 2000, for instance, GIEC prepared and submitted to EPA a 21-page, detailed report supporting GIEC's request that the TMDL be withdrawn based primarily on the many scientific deficiencies in EPA's methodology. The TMDL was subsequently withdrawn by EPA. After gathering more data, EPA prepared and issued another Savannah River mercury TMDL and GIEC submitted yet another set of comments to EPA. GIEC's comments complimented EPA on the improvements made, but again requested that the TMDL be withdrawn because a number of scientific

deficiencies remained which were in need of addressing and newly available data showed that the Savannah River should not be listed for mercury. In June 2002, EPA again withdrew its proposed TMDL and GIEC's comments were identified as being "excellent, excellent" by the lead attorney for the Utilities Water Act Group (UWAG), a utility industry group. GIEC's Water Resources Workgroup Chair, Mike Wilder, who is also Georgia Power Company's Environmental Programs Manager, gets assistance from the group's 27 members, who include Mark Johnson of Weyerhaeuser, Billy Veal of Thiele Kaolin Company, and Byron Smith of Kerr-McGee Pigments.

Permit Fee Advisory Committee

GIEC's Air Workgroup has been represented by its Chair, Katie Kirkpatrick, Environmental Engineer with Gold Kist, in a working group of about six industry representatives, formed by EPD to address the Air Protection Branch's funding shortfall issue. Since the group formed in the Summer of 2001, PFAC (Permit Fee Advisory Committee) members and EPD have met periodically and have together successfully developed the plan that covered the program's budgetary needs for FY2001 and 2002. They continue to work on the outstanding issues identified by the group in previous meetings.

Terry Snell, GIEC Chairman and William L. Bonnell Company's Corporate Manager, Environmental, states that "Even with all that GIEC has accomplished over this past decade, what may be the strongest and most unique feature of GIEC is its practice of group-consensus decision-making on all voting matters." In other words, when GIEC submits comments to any of the regulatory agencies, one can be assured that all members' concerns have been heard and all members can at least "live with" the comments and course of action chosen by GIEC.

For more information about GIEC or about becoming a member, please contact the GIEC office at 770-421-3520.

Announcing the AWMA Georgia Chapter 2002 Annual Environmental Conference

Tuesday, October 22, 2002
The Gwinnett Civic & Cultural Center, Duluth Georgia

PREVIEW AGENDA:*

Keynote Address: *Regulation, Innovation, & Environmental Performance: What Have We Learned? Where Are We Going?*
Dan Fiorino, Director, Performance Incentives Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, US EPA Region 4

Panel Discussion: *Environmental Management Systems - A Candid Industry Perspective*

Moderator: **Rochelle Routman**, Georgia Power Company

Panelists: **Dan Schaffer**, Acuity Specialty Products
Susan Spivey-Tilson, Beers Construction Company
Dan Hughes, General Motors
Paul Sims or Greg McKibben, Southwire Corporation

Luncheon Address: *The Business of Greenspace*
Rick Durbrow, Program Analyst, Office of Policy and Management, Planning and Analysis Branch, U.S. EPA Region 4

A&WMA Environmental Awards and Scholarship Presentation

Concurrent Sessions:

Session A: Air Issues

Moderator: **Karen Dorman**, Global Environmental Solutions

Speakers:

Ron Methier, Branch Chief, Air Protection, GA EPD
Regulatory Update, Air
Thomas McGowan, TMTS Associates
NOx Control for Stationary and Utility Sources
Wesley Box, Pavilion Technologies
Predictive Emissions Monitoring Systems – An Alternative to On-line Analyzers
Brian Soucy, Global Environmental Solutions, Inc.
Understanding and Managing Data for MACT Planning and Compliance

Session B: Waste Issues

Moderator: **Della Ridley**, Solvay Pharmaceuticals

Speakers:

Jennifer Kaduck, Branch Chief, Hazardous Waste Management, GA EPD
Regulatory Update, Hazardous Waste
Craig Brown, PCB Coordinator, EPA Region 4
The Federal PCB Regulations - 40 CFR Part 761
Darahyl Dennis, Remediation Projects Manager, GA Power,
Topic TBA
Fourth Speaker TBA

*The complete conference agenda will be finalized and made available with registration materials in early September. Attendance of the full conference will translate to 8 Professional Development Hours.



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Karen Dorman, Chair

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“BROWN BAG LUNCHEON”

Date: Friday, September 6, 2002
12:00 Noon - 1:00 P.M.

Speaker: V. Robert Denham, Jr., Esq., Partner, Litigation and Environmental Law
Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy, LLP

Topic: ***“What you should know about Mold”***

Location: Powell, Goldstein Frazer & Murphy, LLP
Sixteenth Floor
191 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
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If you have any questions, please contact Karen Dorman, 770-690-9552, kdorman@gesinc.com

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Orange Beach, Alabama

September 15 - 18, 2002

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The Georgia Chapter Air & Waste Management Association will award a **\$2,000 lump sum scholarship** at the Annual Conference on October 22, 2002. We seek to award the scholarship to graduate students conducting research on a topic related to air quality, waste management, pollution prevention, environmental policy/compliance, sustainability, or a related topic. All interested students that are doing research that fits this description should submit a brief abstract (no more than one page) describing their research, no later than September 13, 2002.

The recipient will be recognized at the conference, and will have an opportunity to make a brief speech describing their research.

Please email your abstract to Education Chair Rochelle Routman at riroutma@southernco.com. Should you have any questions, please contact Rochelle at 404-506-7780.

Message From The Chair

By Karen Dorman

Global Environmental Solutions, Inc.

Although it's summer, it's a new year (as of April) for officers at Georgia AWMA. Please help me in welcoming our new officers. Brian Queen of Analytical Services, Inc. is our new Vice Chairman and Conference Chairman, and Tommy Sweat of General Engineering is our new Membership Chair. Returning officers, who deserve a round of applause for all their hard work, include: Della Ridley (Solvay Pharmaceuticals), Past Chair; James Laubenthal (Tetra Tech EM, Inc.), Treasurer; Pam Rosett (Lockheed Martin), Secretary; Tom Bills (Rindt-McDuff), Publications/Communications; Rochelle Routman (Georgia Power), Education Committee; and Joan Sasine (Powell Goldstein), Programs Committee. Our directors, whose input we truly appreciate, are: Rochelle Routman (Georgia Power), Marlin Gottschalk (Georgia EPD), and Randy Harrison (Delta Air Lines, Inc.). Also, a huge thank you is extended to those who served last year, including Joe Rozza, who was last year's education chair, and Ira Pearl of Delta Air Lines, Inc. who served as a Director.

Georgia AWMA could not exist without the help of the many volunteers listed above. There were many accomplishments last year including a successful Fall conference, promoting professional development and information exchange through our many brown bag talks, and providing a college scholarship for students pursuing an environmental degree in Georgia. Next time you see one of the current or past officers, thank them for a job well done!

The array of Georgia AWMA activities continues this year, including our **Fall Conference** scheduled for **Tuesday, October 22, 2002**. The conference morning session will focus on Environmental Management Systems (EMS). Plus there will be afternoon sessions covering various air and waste topics, including important regulatory updates. The winners of the Georgia AWMA Environmental Awards and the Scholarship will also be presented at the conference. Please take advantage of this outstanding educational conference and the opportunity to network with fellow environmental professionals. We look forward to seeing you, and bring a colleague!

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