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This issue includes information on the upcoming Environmental Assistance Conference, regulatory updates, and more. If you have questions or topic suggestions, please reply to this email.

### **Environmental Assistance Conference – November 2**

SC DHEC Environmental Quality Control will host its annual Environmental Assistance Conference on Wednesday, November 2.

This conference will feature Stan Meiburg, Deputy Regional Administrator of EPA Region 4 as the lunch keynote speaker, sessions on environmental basics, storm water, hazardous waste, risk management planning, roundtable discussions and more.

Registration is currently open through October 20 and the fee is \$55. The conference will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Columbia Conference Center off Fernandina Road between St. Andrews and Piney Grove roads.

For more information on the conference, or to register, see the conference webpage at: <http://www.scdhec.gov/eac>.

For conference information contact Rebecca Sproles at (803) 896-8883 or [enviroassist@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:enviroassist@dhec.sc.gov)

### **BAQ Regulatory Update**

**1. EPA publishes proposed draft SO<sub>2</sub> Implementation Guidance in the Federal Register:** On October 3, 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that it will accept comments on its proposed draft SO<sub>2</sub> Implementation Guidance for 30 days following publication, or until November 2, 2011.

The Notice is available here:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/docs/SO2/SO2notice2011-25400.pdf>

EPA's guidance is available here:

[http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/docs/SO2/DraftSO2Guidance\\_9-22-11.pdf](http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/docs/SO2/DraftSO2Guidance_9-22-11.pdf)

**2. Notice of Final Amendment to the Air Quality State Implementation Plan (SIP): Lead Infrastructure SIP Certification.** On September 23, 2011, DHEC certified to the EPA in the *South Carolina State Register* that DHEC has the required elements in place to maintain attainment with the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for lead.

The Notice is available here:

[http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/EmailDocs/docs/08LeadNOFA\\_20110923.pdf](http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/EmailDocs/docs/08LeadNOFA_20110923.pdf).

### **3. Ozone Announcements**

**White House Announcement:** On September 2, 2011, the White House released a statement asking the EPA to withdraw the reconsidered 2008 ozone standard.

The President's Statement is available here:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/09/02/statement-president-ozone-national-ambient-air-quality-standards>

**EPA Announcement:** On September 22, 2011, EPA announced that it will implement the 2008 ozone standard. EPA has indicated it will begin the implementation process with the boundary designations, starting with the recommendations states made in 2009, and updating them with the most current, certified air quality data. A copy of the EPA memorandum can be found here: <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/docs/ozone/ImplementationoftheOzoneNAAQS92211.pdf>

The Department expects to have follow-up discussions with EPA to further understand this announcement. We will also be updating the initial boundary recommendations with the latest air quality data. Refer to these updates and the latest information and our website at:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/Ozone/>

#### **4. Redesignation Demonstration and Maintenance Plan for the York**

**County Portion of the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill NC-SC Nonattainment Area:** On June 1, 2011, based on air quality monitoring data from 2008 to 2010, DHEC submitted a final Redesignation Demonstration and Maintenance Plan for the York County Portion of the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill NC-SC Nonattainment Area. This request also provided a maintenance plan which fulfills the requirements of Section 175A of the Clean Air Act as amended, that will ensure the area maintains the 1997 8-hour ozone standard through 2022.

For more information:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/Ozone/StandardsandRequirements/SIP.asp>

### **Web Update**

The Center for Environmental Sustainability recently updated its web address to reflect its new name. The website is now [www.scdhec.gov/ces](http://www.scdhec.gov/ces).

SC DHEC Environmental Quality Control now has an e-permitting portal to be used to conduct environmental permitting activities via the Internet. All permits are not currently available on this portal, but more will be added in the future. For more information on the portal go to

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/admin/htm/epermitting.htm>

### **Green Tip**

#### **Energy Efficiency**

Facilities operate more efficiently and profitably when ways to reduce energy use have been identified. A couple of simple ideas to reduce energy usage are switching to T5/T8 fluorescent lighting, switching to LED exit signs, unplugging or turning off computers and printers when not in use, and turning off lights in areas that are not constantly occupied such as bathrooms and break areas. Following are a few resources that can assist you with energy efficiency.

- The SC Energy Office has many options for facilities that would like assistance with energy conservation. You may contact the SC Energy Office at 803-737-8030 or go to their website at [www.energy.sc.gov](http://www.energy.sc.gov) for more information.

- A helpful website is EnergySC <http://www.energysc.org/>. You can find opportunities for energy assessments, tools, and tips on this site.
- Contact your energy service provider. Most energy companies will provide a free energy assessment and some have programs for businesses.
- The US Department of Energy has a Save Energy Now Program for industry at <http://www1.eere.energy.gov/industry/saveenergynow/>. This website contains many resources that can point you in the right direction to saving energy.
- The EPA Energy Star program has a lot of resources for businesses at [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).

For assistance or more information, contact the SC DHEC Center for Environmental Sustainability at 803-896-8986 or visit [www.scdhec.gov/ces](http://www.scdhec.gov/ces).

### **Additional Newsletters**

UST Newsletter

[http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/html/ust\\_news.htm](http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/html/ust_news.htm)

Swimming Pool Newsletter - Newsplash

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/recreation.htm#splash>

Smart Business Recycling Program

[http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/recycle/smart\\_business/archive.htm](http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/recycle/smart_business/archive.htm)

Non-Point Source Newsletter - Turning the Tide

<http://www.dhec.sc.gov/environment/water/npspage.htm#npsnews>

Environmental Laboratory Certification – Update

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/envserv/lcupdates.htm>

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