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Compass E-News

Welcome to Compass E-News. This newsletter is meant to keep you up to date on environmental information from SC DHEC. If you do not wish to continue to receive this newsletter, please reply to this email with unsubscribe as the subject.

Calendar of Events

Do you want to know what SC DHEC environmental events and meetings are taking place? Please visit the Environmental Quality Control events calendar. This calendar stays up to date with events, meetings, and conferences involving SC DHEC. The calendar can be accessed here:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/outreach/calendar.asp>

Spare the Air Awards



Nominations are now being taken through July 31, 2009 for the 2009 SC DHEC Spare the Air Awards. The purpose of the awards program is to recognize environmental leaders (i.e., companies, groups, communities, schools, local governments and individuals) that have made a voluntary commitment to promote and practice air quality improvement in South Carolina. For more information please go to the following website: <http://www.scdhec.gov/SpareTheAirAwards>.

New Worksheets to Help Municipal Stormwater Outreach Efforts

For cities and towns struggling to make sense of the public outreach requirements of their stormwater permits, help is on the way! In June 2009, the Bureau of Water's (BOW) Outreach Section released a set of checklists and worksheets focused on the public outreach and public involvement requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit. The checklist is entitled: "[Instructions for Public Education and Outreach and Public Involvement and Participation Minimum Control Measure Checklists](#)". The worksheets are in a workbook called: "[The Public Education and Outreach and Public Involvement and Participation Decision Process: Worksheets for Documenting Your Program Choices \(DHEC Form 2073 2/2009\)](#)".

The checklists are designed to help BOW's Compliance Section evaluate cities and towns public outreach and public involvement efforts for permit compliance. These permitted communities are required to document the decision processes leading to their public outreach and their public involvement plans. The worksheets, which work with the checklists, are designed to help them include important steps in the decision processes called for by the permit. The worksheets also walk these communities through the outreach process, helping them build stronger, more targeted programs.

Infectious Waste Regulation Update

The Infectious Waste Program is in the process of updating its Regulations, R.61-105. The Notice of Drafting was published in the State Register on Friday, June 26th. It is also be posted on the Program website: www.scdhec.gov/infectiouswaste, as will updates and other pertinent information.

New Infectious Waste Generator Brochure

The Infectious Waste Program has a new version of its Generator Brochure, updated to include information pertinent to Small Quantity generators, which is available here: <http://www.scdhec.gov/administration/library/CR-007066.pdf> and on the Program website.

Conferences

Green is Good for Business Conference – September 1, 2009

Want to conserve resources? Save energy? Do your part to protect the environment and be part of a sustainable community? If so, the Green is Good for Business Conference is for you.

This one-day state wide comprehensive conference will provide your business, institution, organization or non-profit with new and innovative ways to go green and perhaps save some money in the process.

The conference will take place on **September 1, 2009** at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM with a green expo and Columbia Chamber of Commerce After Hours from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

For more information, including **attendee, exhibitor, and sponsorship registration** use this link: <http://www.coccpac.com/?pageid=22>

Environmental Assistance Conference – November 4, 2009

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control is hosting its Annual Environmental Assistance Conference. This full day conference will cover permitting and compliance topics, regulatory information, and provide you with an opportunity to ask questions of DHEC's technical experts. This year's conference will feature three concurrent tracks to include topics on Air Quality, Water, and Land/Waste.

When: November 4, 2009
Where: Columbia Conference Center
169 Laurelhurst Ave., Columbia, SC 29210
www.columbiameetings.com

Registration is open and the registration fee is \$55.00/person. Continue to check our Compass Website (www.scdhec.gov/compass) for updates and agenda specifics.

For more information, please contact Christine Steagall, 803-896-8986 or email at enviroassist@dhec.sc.gov.

Green Tip

It is hurricane season and we have a lot of summer thunderstorms. What are you doing with the debris that falls on your site? That debris does not have to go into the landfill. Use the SC DHEC Index of Waste Minimization Resources (Index) to find a recycler of land clearing debris in your area. They will be able to recycle your debris into items such as mulch. The Index can be found at www.scdhec.gov/cwm. Click on the Index link. For additional assistance contact the Center for Waste Minimization at 803-896-8986.

Additional Newsletters

UST Newsletter

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

Non-Point Source Newsletter – Turning the Tide

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

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