



E-News

“The Environment is our Business”

A publication of news and events affecting the Northwest environmental industry

- FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -

Rumor has it that summer can be a quiet time...but not around NEBC. While we are working hard on our fall lineup of workshops and conferences, we are also expanding our range of activities.

NEBC hosts biofuels group. NEBC is acting as the host for the newly launched Northwest Biofuels Association. This organization represents the business interests of the producers, distributors, and retailers of biodiesel and ethanol in the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. It will focus on promoting the growth of the biofuels market, providing a centralized information source, serving as the voice of the industry, and building the internal industry network. By serving in an incubator role, NEBC can help get the Association up and running much faster than if it had to build its own infrastructure from scratch. Once it becomes established and meets its funding objectives, the NW Biofuels Association plans to spin off as an independent organization. In the meantime, the new relationship is already creating opportunities for cross-conversations among our respective members. I am acting as the point person for this group until a dedicated Program Director is hired. Contact me if you have any questions or are interested in participating in this new effort.

NEBC energy initiative. NEBC is holding a kick-off planning session in Portland on August 22nd (3:00-4:30) to explore ways that NEBC can promote the interests of those firms building and servicing the new energy economy. With NEBC's growing footprint in the clean energy sector, we want to discuss the needs of businesses working in this sector so that we can tailor our activities and services to address those needs. If there is enough

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interest, we can set up a Special Interest Group within NEBC to focus on these issues. This meeting is open to non-members as well as members. Contact me if you are interested in attending, or if you would like to participate in a parallel process in Washington.

Nominate a client for the Washington Environmental Excellence Awards. Once again, NEBC and Association of Washington Business are sponsoring the Environmental Excellence Awards Program. This is a showcase for companies successfully implementing programs that demonstrate initiative in the area of environmental protection. If you have a Washington client that has an innovative approach to environmental compliance and protection, we encourage you to nominate them for this prestigious award. In its 16th year, this program has been a great opportunity for companies to gain recognition as a positive force in their communities. Leading by example, award winners also help other companies improve their environmental programs by sharing their knowledge and expertise. A special awards luncheon will be held in conjunction with the Northwest Environmental Summit, October 18 & 19, in Tacoma. Coverage of the Awards will also be featured in AWB's

Washington Business Magazine which is circulated statewide to businesses, legislators and state agency directors. To download the nomination form, go to www.envsummit.com/awards

Hope you are having a great summer!

Robert Grott

NEBC EVENTS and CONFERENCES

Robert was right; summer has been a very busy time for NEBC with the Rooftop Mixer in Seattle, Golf Tournament in Portland as well as the educational Management Forum in Seattle. And that energy will continue on into the fall with conferences, technical meetings, and networking opportunities.

Conferences are big on the list of events happening this fall. New to the lineup is [“Mercury: Global Problem – Local Solutions”](#), **September 19**. NEBC is co-hosting this one-day specialty conference with the Air & Waste Management Association at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), Portland. Eric Prestbo, Frontier GeoScience, Gary Bigham, DEQ and Wayne Lei, PGE are just a few of the presenters. Registration fee, including lunch and reception, is only \$140 for NEBC and A&WMA members.

Another new event is the **Stormwater Solutions Showcase on September 28** also being held at OMSI. With presentations by Jim Anderson and Jenine Camilleri of DEQ and Michael Pronold, City of Portland, NEBC members have an opportunity to market their technologies and services to stormwater permit holders and others interested in the changes to stormwater regulations. Either as an [attendee](#) or a [vendor](#) the Showcase offers you a chance to increase your knowledge of regulation changes that can affect your customer's business practices.

The **Northwest Environmental Summit and Tradeshow, October 18 & 19** in Tacoma is fast approaching. The deadline for the early bird special pricing for vendors in the [NWES Tradeshow](#) is August 15. Save \$ and increase your marketing presence by reserving your booth today. With increased marketing efforts by the committee, it is expected that attendance will reach an all time high. With over two months to the Summit, there are already over 75 people registered compared to 10 at this time last year!

The **Management Forum** series has been gaining momentum this summer. **August 16** marks the third in the series of breakfast meetings featuring topics of interest to business owners and managers. Glenn Buroughs, PNC Business Credit and Cameron Hewes, Northwest Capital Appreciation will talk about [corporate finance and capital strategies](#). This session will provide an overview of corporate finance and capitalization strategies for companies at different stages of organizational growth.

September 6 Olympic Chapter Luncheons returns with Tim Smith, Special Assistant to the Director, Washington Fish and Wildlife presenting on [Puget Sound Nearshore Restoration](#). The project is a cooperative effort among the U.S. Corps of Engineers, and other federal and government organizations, tribes, industries and environmental organizations to preserve and restore the health of the Sound's nearshore.

Let's not forget the networking events! **Thursday, September 14 Cascade Chapter Summer Mixer** is hosted by Lane Powell, PC at their office's rooftop patio. Enjoy spectacular views of the Willamette River, Mount Hood and downtown Portland while sipping your favorite beverage and snacking on delicious hors d'oeuvres. This event is a great opportunity to meet new members and network with potential partners.

As we announced last month, NEBC events are processed on-line. Visa and MasterCard transactions are processed through a secure internet site and you receive instant confirmation and registration receipt. No more faxing flyers to the NEBC office! If you would rather pay by check that option is available too by selecting "check" as a payment option. Registration for the Northwest Environmental Summit Tradeshow is the only event listed above not handled on-line. The application can be accessed from the NEBC website, www.nebc.org.

But we are not abandoning the personal touch. You can still talk to a person if you have questions, suggestions, or problems. Linda and Sue are in the office weekdays to help, 503-227-6361 or 800-985-6322.

P.S. NEBC welcomes sponsors for all of the events. To learn more about the benefits of sponsoring, please [click here](#). Thank you.

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NEW MEMBERS

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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- August 16.** [Management Forum](#) – Finance and Capital Strategies. Seattle. McCormick & Schmick's Harborside.
- September 6.** [Olympic Chapter Luncheon](#) – Puget Sound Nearshore Restoration. Seattle. McCormick & Schmick's Harborside.
- September 14.** [Cascade Chapter Summer Mixer](#). Portland. Lane Powell.
- September 19.** [Mercury: Global Problem – Local Solutions](#). Portland. Oregon Museum of Science & Industry
- September 28.** [Stormwater Solutions Showcase](#). Portland. Oregon Museum of Science & Industry (OMSI).
- October 18-19,** [Northwest Environmental Summit](#) (NWES), Tacoma.
- December 7 & 8,** [Northwest Environmental Conference](#) (NVEC), Portland.

– INDUSTRY NEWS –

Proposed Mercury Rule, Oregon. In response to public comment, the public notice documents for Oregon's Proposed Mercury Rule have been amended to incorporate alternative rule options. A rulemaking hearing is scheduled for 6 p.m., August 16, 2006, at DEQ's Portland Headquarters. Please follow the link below for more information: Oregon's New Proposed Mercury Rule <http://www.deq.state.or.us/aq/mercury/index.htm>

Master Contracts for Professional Services. The Washington Department of General Administration, Office of State Procurement is preparing to issue new Master Contracts for Professional Services. Some of the services that may interest you are Environmental Consulting Services including Planning & Permitting, Waste Management and Remediation, Regulatory Compliance and Natural Resource Management services. To learn how to do business with the State of Washington and the sequence of events involved follow the link below. <http://www.ga.wa.gov/pca/broadcast/32206-CF.pdf>

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OTHER INDUSTRY EVENTS & MEETINGS

August 23, 2006. **Fundamental Contaminant Chemistry - A Review of Chemistry Principles Essential for Understanding Contaminant Behavior in the Environment. 8:30 – 5:00 pm.** Course I.D. CHEM-403A

(Course 1 of 2 in a Series) August 23, 2006, 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. (1 Day). Ecotrust Conference Center 721 NW 9th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Cost - \$195. For more information <http://www.nwetc.org/training.htm>.

August 24 & 25, 2006. **Contaminant Chemistry and Transport in Soil and Groundwater.** Course I.D. CHEM-403B (Course 2 of 2 in a Series) August 24 - 25, 2006, 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. (2 Days) Ecotrust Conference Center, 721 NW 9th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. For more information <http://www.nwetc.org/training.htm>.

August 30, 2006. **Endangered Species Act Implementation and Compliance - An overview / refresher on Sections 4, 7, 10, and emerging issue.** Course I.D. POL-301 August 30, 2006, 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. Ecotrust Conference Center 721 NW 9th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. For more information <http://www.nwetc.org/training.htm>.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 is looking for 1-2 attorneys, preferably with some environmental experience, to work full-time or part-time in the Region 10 Office of Regional Counsel in downtown Seattle. The attorneys will be assigned to handle matters under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and/or other environmental statutes. The attorneys will be expected to represent the Agency in administrative and judicial actions as well as provide advice to program offices. Application Procedure: Applicants wishing to be considered should submit on or before August 14, 2006: a cover letter indicating interest in working as an attorney; a resumé; a writing sample (10-page limit); and an official or unofficial copy of their law school transcript. Application materials should be mailed to: Jan Kesler, Office of Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Sixth Avenue, ORC-158, Seattle, Washington 98101.

Hart Crowser, Inc. currently has opportunities for highly motivated Environmental Professionals to join our Seattle and Portland teams.

Senior Hydrogeologist. The successful candidate will be an OR or WA R.G. or L.Hg., with an advanced degree in Hydrogeology and 10+ years of consulting experience. We are seeking a technical leader to work on a variety of projects involving groundwater resource evaluation and development, hazardous waste site investigation and remediation, groundwater protection and management, and construction-related groundwater assessments such as dewatering. Knowledge of the geology and regulatory issues unique to the PNW is important. The successful candidate will possess a history of achievement with business development and mentoring of junior staff.

Senior Remediation Engineer. The successful candidates for our Senior Remediation Engineer (MS preferred) will be a WA and/or OR PE, with 10+ years of experience in the assessment of soil, groundwater and surface water quality, as well as the design of remediation systems (both physical and chemical), air quality, and stormwater drainage and treatment systems. Responsibilities require strong client and project management skills with proven capabilities for business development and mentoring of junior staff.

Environmental Specialist. We have an immediate opportunity for an Environmental Specialist to join our Seattle team. This individual will work on a variety of site assessment and remediation projects. Responsibilities will include preparation of sampling plans, conducting historical and site investigation, conducting and managing field work, managing laboratories in support of site investigations, performing data validation, interpreting results, and report writing. Fieldwork will include soil, groundwater and air sampling. The successful candidate will have be degreed (MS preferred) in Geochemistry, Chemistry, Geology, Environmental or a related Engineering discipline, with 3~5 years of Ph I/II and HBM experience. Expertise with federal and local environmental regulations is critical; current AHERA, Lead Inspector and 40-hr H&S certification is desired. Responsibilities in each of these consulting roles require strong communication, report writing and project management skills, as well as enthusiasm for working on a variety of projects. Interested candidates are encouraged to submit their confidential resume to: staffing@hartcrowser.com.

INTERNSHIP

The Business Education Compact (BEC) is an Oregon program placing qualified educators and students in internship positions. They are looking to build links with all types of firms in the environmental industry. The educator program is for the summer months, while the student program is year-round. BEC functions as an employment agency, handling recruiting, qualifying, scheduling interviews, progress monitoring, etc. Hourly rates are based on the skill level involved and include all payroll management. For information, visit www.bedpdx.org or call Andrew Witt 503-646-0242 ext 22.

The Department of Environmental Engineering at Oregon State University Is seeking summer internships for undergraduate students in their program. Companies who might benefit from an intern this summer should contact Bob Morgan at (360)837-1108(home phone) or email him at morganrj@enr.orst.edu.



- NEBC 2006 EVENTS CALENDAR -

August			
16	Olympic Chapter Management Forum Breakfast – Finance and Capital Strategies	7:30 AM – 9:30 AM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
September			
6	Olympic Chapter Committee Meeting	10:00 AM – 11:30 PM	AGC – Seattle, WA
6	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: Puget Sound Nearshore Restoration	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
14	Board of Directors Meeting	3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Lane Powell – Portland, OR
14	Cascade Chapter Summer Mixer	5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Lane Powell – Portland, OR
19	Mercury Conference: Global Problem – Local Solutions	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	OMSI – Portland, OR
20	Olympic Chapter Management Forum Breakfast – Business Risk Management	7:30 AM – 9:30 AM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
28	Stormwater Solutions Showcase	3:30 PM – 6:30 PM	OMSI – Portland, OR
October			
4	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Cultural Resource Assessments	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
12	Cascade Chapter Committee Meeting	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Governor Hotel – Portland, OR
12	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: Effective use of Prospective Purchaser Agreements in Redeveloping Brownfields	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Governor Hotel – Portland, OR
18 & 19	Northwest Environmental Summit & Trade Show	All Day	Tacoma Convention Center – Tacoma, WA
25	Olympic Chapter Management Forum Breakfast – Mergers and Acquisitions	7:30 AM – 9:30 AM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
November			
1	Olympic Chapter Committee Meeting	10:00 AM – 11:30 PM	AGC – Seattle, WA
1	Olympic Chapter Luncheon – Topic: Sustainability & the Environmental Industry	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
9	Cascade Chapter Luncheon – Topic: Brainstorming the Pollution Control Tax Credit	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Governor Hotel – Portland, OR
15	Olympic Chapter Management Forum Breakfast – Benefit Strategies for Owners	7:30 AM – 9:30 AM	McCormick & Schmick's Harborside – Seattle, WA
December			
6	Hazwoper Training	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Red Lion Hotel on the River – Portland, OR
7 & 8	Northwest Environmental Conference & Trade Show	All Day	Red Lion Hotel on the River – Portland, OR
7	Board of Directors Meeting	TBD	Red Lion Hotel on the River – Portland, OR

Event dates and topics subject to change.

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