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JUNE MEETING: Understanding the Coming Carbon Trading World:
Implications for Civil Works Projects

Mr. Doug Bach, from SEH, will be our featured Speaker this June. His presentation will provide an overview of state, federal and international green house gas (GHG) reduction programs, and will provide an introduction to the issues and new vocabulary surrounding these programs. He will explain cap-and-trade systems and how mandatory programs might affect civil works projects and involved organizations.

With increasing concern for global warming, there is considerable discussion about the need to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2) and other greenhouse gases (GHGs). Government agencies, along with businesses and individuals, are seeking solutions to counter climate change, and are struggling to understand the regulatory and economic changes that will accompany such efforts. This presentation seeks to summarize the current state of GHG reductions and the implications of proposed carbon trading systems.

Some 40 states have taken steps toward controlling GHGs, including many in the Midwest. The governors of IL, IA, KA, MI, MN, and WI have all signed on to a regional accord that will establish targets for GHG reductions and develop a cap-and-trade system.

Doug Bach is a civil/environmental engineer with over 20 years experience in pollution control and environmental restoration. His recent focus has been on sustainable solutions for client operations in such areas as alternative energy, building material re-use and greenhouse gas reduction. Mr. Bach has bachelor's degrees in Atmospheric & Oceanic Science and Environmental Engineering, and a Masters Degree in Environmental Engineering, all from the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor.

MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY, June 11, 2008

LOCATION: Quad Cities Botanical Center
2525 4th Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201

AGENDA: WEDNESDAY – June 11th
1100 Board Meeting
1130 Social Hour
1200 Particulars, Lunch, & Presentation

MENU: Veal Cutlets
Italian Mixed Vegetables
Twice Baked Potatoes
Assorted Salads, Dinner Rolls, and Beverage

COST: \$10 For Public Sector and Retirees, Per Person
\$15 For Private Sector, Per Person. All are Payable at the Door

RESERVATIONS: Contact Cory Haberman at Cory.J.Haberman@usace.army.mil
Or 309.794.5129, Please Sign up by COB, Mon., June 09.

BUSINESS BRIEF: Bergmann - Hanson Joint Venture

May Meeting Summary – Lockport Pool Slurry Wall Cutoff Barrier

Thomas Mack of the Rock Island District presented an interesting multi-purpose infrastructure rehabilitation project called the Lockport Pool Slurry Wall Cutoff Barrier project. The slurry wall is located on the historic Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal (CSSC). The presentation covered the overall Lockport Pool Major Rehabilitation project, history of the CSSC, the ongoing design and construction, and addressed the future rehabilitation needs. The project is currently in the construction phase; installing 180,000 square feet of slurry wall within a century-old 40-foot high navigation embankment. The contractor is installing the slurry wall using a hydro-mill excavation in a bentonite slurry filled trench while maintaining a full navigation pool. Full pool allows navigation traffic to continue while the project is being rehabilitated.

SAME 2008 National Conference Review

If you didn't attend the 2008 National Conference, you missed a great occasion. The Rock Island and St. Paul Posts pulled out all the stops for this event. Our turnout was more than expected which led to a great time for all. Over 100 people woke up early and participated in the fun run. The technical sessions were all well attended, including the last ones on Thursday.

We all heard great comments about the JETC, but if you have any suggestions from members of the Rock Island and St. Paul Posts regarding future JETC's please send them to Dudley Hanson. He will pass those suggestions along to the JETCAC.

A couple of photographs from the events at JETC:



Calendar Changes

Take note of this month and December's meeting day changes on the calendar. Both of these meetings have been moved to Wednesday due to conflicts. Please update your calendars and meet on the right day.

Sustaining Member Scholarships

An inquiry of interest is being developed about any Sustaining Company potentially sponsoring scholarships with their names on it, being distributed by SAME, Rock Island Post. An example of how it would work: The sustaining member company agrees to provide funding for at least one scholarship. The Rock Island Post Scholarship Committee evaluates candidates and makes the award of the scholarship. The sustaining member company name would be associated with the specific scholarship and could also present the scholarship to the student if they desire. Please contact the Scholarship Committee Chairman, Mr. Kevin Landwehr, 309-794-5578 for more information.

Secretary Corner

Sara Babcock, Ayres and Associates, has volunteered to work on the K-12 Outreach Committee. She has contacted the Boy Scouts to coordinate Post involvement to help them meet engineering, environment, or architect badges requirements. If you would like to volunteer for this or other K-12 endeavors, please contact Sara at (608) 443-1228 and join Sara at a 1030 coordination meeting immediately before the June 11 meeting at the Botanical Center.

Sustaining member briefing slots are still available for Nov. 13 and Dec. 10. Please reserve a briefing slot with Dean Cerny, 563-386-0572 x6704 or Dean.r.cerny@usace.army.mil

Young Members Corner

Thank you for all the young members that met at the Young Members and Fellows event at the National Conference. It was a great success and the Flour Tower Tour was stunning.

2008 Ohio Valley And Great Lakes Regional Conference

The Huntington Post invites you to join them for the 2008 Ohio Valley and Great Lakes Regional Conference of the Society of American Military Engineers, being held August 26 - 28, 2008, at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena/Conference Center and the Pullman Plaza Hotel in beautiful downtown Huntington, West Virginia. For more information, please contact Mack Mccarty at 304-545-5716 or mmccarty@triadeng.com or Mike Fitzwater at 304-399-5933 or gary.m.fitzwater@lrh01.usace.army.mil for additional information. Stay Tuned for more Information.

Upcoming SAME Events:

To add events to the calendar, email Dean Cerny at Dean.R.Cerny@USACE.army.mil

Date	Post Event Description	Event Information
June 11 th , 2008	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
July 10th, 2008	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
August 15, 2008	Scholarship Golf Outing	POC: Heather Cross Email: crossheather@stanleygroup.com
August 16, 2008	X-Stream River Clean-up	Dave Bequeaith, Ph 309-794-5270
August 26-28, 2008	Great Lakes and Ohio Valley Regional Conf	See Web Site
September 11, 2008	Joint Meeting CAT Demo Plant (Tentative)	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
October 15th, 2008	Engineering and Project Management Conference	Mike Ryan, Ph 319-841-4391 Email: mryan@hrgreen.com
November 13th, 2008	National Security Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil
December 10th, 2008	Regular Meeting	Dean Cerny, Ph. 563-386-0572 email: Dean.R.Cerny@usace.army.mil

June Meeting Map:
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2525 4th Avenue
Rock Island, IL 61201



A number of Army recruits were being taken on their first training flight. The plane had just leveled out after taking off when one of the engines seized up, and another began smoking badly. Adjusting his parachute, the instructor strove for nonchalance as he made his way to the hatch door.

"Now I want you men to keep perfectly calm," he said, "while I go for help."