

2009 ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE



“Surviving in a Tough Climate”

ONE DAY CONFERENCE WITH MULTIPLE TRACKS PLUS VENDOR HALL EXHIBIT

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Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Location: **Foxboro Conference Center**
6165 NW 86th Street, Ste. A
Johnston, Iowa 50131
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8:30 am - 9:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

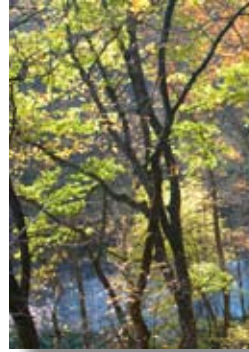
9:00 am - 9:15 am Welcome

9:15 am - 10:15 am **Keynote Speaker – Senator Dennis H. Black,**
The Latest from the Statehouse, Insights on Environmental Policy

10:15 am - 10:30 am Break

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10:30 am - 11:30 am Session One (Concurrent Sessions-Choose One)

The Future of Air Quality

Presenter: Catharine Fitzsimmons, Air Quality Chief, Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)

This overview takes a look at the future of air quality in Iowa. Learn about IDNR plans for policy changes, administrative rules, legislation and compliance. You'll hear it from the top in an informative overview by Catharine Fitzsimmons, Air Quality Bureau Chief.

Water Quality Issues

Presenter: Chuck Corell, Water Quality Chief, Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Iowa's water resources play a vital role in the state's future. This overview will highlight Iowa's water issues, including IDNR plans for policy changes, administrative rules, legislation and compliance. Join Chuck Corell, Water Quality Bureau Chief for this session.

American Clean Energy and Security Act

Presenter: Gene Taylor, Manager, Iowa Office, Trinity Environmental Consultants; Mark Thimke, Partner, Foley and Lardner

An overview of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (also known as the Waxman-Markey Bill), one of the most sweeping and comprehensive federal energy and climate policy's being considered in Washington will be presented. Perspectives from the Midwest Governor's Association (MGA) will also be shared.

Environmental Update for the Small and Medium Enterprise

Presenters: Jim Olson, Associate Director, Iowa Waste Reduction Center; Dan Nickey, Manager, Iowa Air Emissions Assistance Program; Steven Shaffer, Industrial Hygienist, EMC Insurance Companies

Timely and helpful information addressing the unique needs of the small to medium enterprise is the focus of this environmental update. Topics covered will include storm water, used oil and special waste. Defining and managing universal waste will also be included.

11:30 am - 12:30 pm Session Two (Concurrent Sessions-Choose One)

Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5

Presenters: *Dr. Charles Stanier, University of Iowa; Wayne Jochmann, Environmental Manager, Alcoa*

Learn about PM 2.5 from the expert, Assistant Professor Charles Stanier, who conducted a major University of Iowa study on Iowa's PM 2.5. The study, commissioned by a group of public and private stakeholders was completed in 2009. Professor Stanier will share in layman's terms the key factors controlling PM 2.5 levels in Iowa.

Community and business perspectives on the impacts of PM 2.5 regulatory policies will also be discussed.

Water Quality

Antidegradation Policy

Presenters: *Adam Schnieders, Environmental Specialist Senior, IDNR; Jessica Harder, Governmental Affairs Counsel, Iowa League of Cities*

One of the most significant water quality policies in Iowa, Antidegradation, will soon be implemented. Learn the background of this policy and how federal requirements for water quality standards and use /attainability analyses factor in. Join us for an informative session on how expanded discharges or activities are affected.

Efforts by waste water treatment facilities to implement this policy and what they anticipate will also be covered.

The ABCS of Carbon Markets

Presenter: *Jeff Anderson, Attorney, Dickinson Law Firm, Chair Green Business and Sustainability Law Group.*

Carbon markets and emissions trading are gaining traction nationally and globally. While utilities and larger scale operations have been the primary participants, business, agencies and financial institutions are increasingly participating. Hear a primer on the ABCs of carbon markets and gain a greater understanding of what this may mean to your operation in the future.

Building Green and Stimulus Funding for Business

Presenters: *Kevin Nordmeyer, Director, Iowa Energy Center; Monica Stone, Bureau Chief, Office of Energy Independence*

Expansion may not be on your company's horizon, but will you be prepared when questions arise in the future? Learn about green building standards, explore the costs of "green design" versus "traditional" and how Iowa's energy efficiency and sustainability standards are tied to projects seeking tax credits or refunds.

Information on federal energy stimulus funds available for private sector energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, eligibility, timelines and requirements will be included.

12:30 pm – 1:15 pm Lunch

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm Session Three (Concurrent Sessions-Choose One)

New Area Source NESHAPS

Presenters: *Christine Paulson, Environmental Specialist Senior, IDNR; Diane Brockshus, Environmental Specialist, IDNR; Dan Nickey, Manager Iowa Air Emissions Assistance Program,*

Attend this session for a comprehensive update on several air toxics standards recently implemented by EPA affecting many facilities and small businesses that previously had few or any, air quality requirements. EPA's NESHAP program affects operations such as surface coating/auto body refinishing, metal fabrication & finishing, plating and polishing, foundries, and stationary internal combustion engines. EPA proposed and federal regulations will be addressed, in addition to a brief update on recent DNR and EPA activities regarding the Boiler MACT.

Straight Talk on Wind Energy and Biomass

Presenters: *John Pearce, Utility Specialist, Jeff Kaman, Utility Administrator, Iowa Utility Board; Bill Johnson, Manager, Biofuels Development, Alliant Energy*

Interest in alternative energy sources is at an all time high. Attend this session for an overview on how the regulatory landscape plays into accessing wind energy and the new tax credits. The future and challenges of implementing biomass energy will also be addressed.

Sustainability and Risk Management

Presenter: *Kenn Anderson, Director, Environmental Services, AON*

There is increasing focus on business sustainability and mitigating environmental liability. Learn about the evolving role of risk management and how to understand your environmental risks. Focus will be on environmental site liability with case studies highlighting the importance of being protected in today's ever changing business environment.

Negotiating Carbon Trading Contracts

Presenter: *Jim Pray, BrownWinick Law Firm*

Carbon contracts are based on predictive models which anticipate carbon offsets. If your company is considering carbon trading you need to know about the pitfalls, opportunities and strategies before you enter the market. This session will prepare you to enter trading with your eyes wide open.

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm Session 4 Panel Discussion

A Dialogue on Environmental and Energy Perspectives

Facilitator: *Monica Stone, Bureau Chief, Office of Energy Independence*

Join the panel for a thought provoking dialogue on environmental and energy opportunities and challenges facing Iowa. Hear how these complex issues affect Iowa business and ideas on how different organizations and perspectives can work together for the betterment of Iowa's environment and economy.

Panel participants:

Marian Gelb, Executive Director, Iowa Environmental Council

Dave Miller, Director, Research and Commodity Services, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

Kevin Nordmeyer, Director, Iowa Energy Center