



CENTRAL TEXAS SECTION OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

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Central Texas Section Kicks Off the New Year!!

WEAT Presents – Glynda Mercier, P.E.
January 11, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.
Joe C. Thompson Center – University of Texas at Austin

This month, Glynda Mercier, P.E. will be our guest speaker, and will be discussing issues related to endocrine-disrupting chemicals in surface water and ground water supply sources, as well as in treated drinking water and wastewater. Ms. Mercier will discuss the presence of these chemicals in water supplies, and their ramifications to public health. The meeting is open to anyone interested in this subject. The evening will include a social gathering followed by a buffet dinner. Afterwards, Ms. Mercier will give her presentation and there will be a short business meeting.

If you plan to attend the meeting, please contact Laura Di Pasquale at (512) 322-5862 or at central@weat.org by Wednesday, January 5, 2005.

About Ms. Mercier:

Glynda Mercier, P.E. is Principal of the consulting firm of GlynData. A graduate of Texas A&M University, Ms. Mercier has been involved in Texas water resources planning for fourteen years within the state's water agencies and the private sector. Her experience includes preparing the statewide 1997 Consensus Water Plan, preparing 'Senate Bill One' regional water plans for the Plateau and Far West Texas regions, preparing regional and local water supply studies, and performing Water Availability Model analyses. Additionally, Ms. Mercier's career experience includes modeling water distribution systems and wastewater collection systems, and modeling hydrologic systems of watersheds. Ms. Mercier first began researching endocrine-disrupting chemicals in 1993. Currently Ms. Mercier serves on a Water Environment Research Foundation committee overseeing research pertinent to endocrine-disrupting chemicals in wastewater.

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YP CORNER

Welcome back from the Holidays! Looking forward to kicking off a great 2005.

In preparation for the New Year, the YPs rounded out 2004 by gathering one last time before the Holidays to ponder the age-old question...Scotch or Bourbon?

As members of the Water Environment Association of Texas, I found it very apropos to debate the values of what some consider the "water of life"...whiskey. Okay, Okay...I suppose that's a little too much poetic license, but the "Great Whisk(e)y Debate", co-hosted by the great-grandson of Jim Beam along with a master whisky blender from Scotland, proved to be an excellent way for the YPs to spend their last official gathering of 2004.

Along with many of the usual suspects, we had two relative newcomers to the group, Neil Higa with Carollo Engineers and Paul Cohen with Diamond Fiberglass Fabricators. Hope to see you guys at more of the meetings and YP functions.

In 2005, we look forward to growing our little YP group, not only at the happy hours, but also in terms of participation in Austin Habitat for Humanity, through our YP liaison, Julie Hastings, by encouraging student chapters at the local universities, and by getting more involved with WEAT at the Section and State Levels.

To learn more about YP activities and/or to get more involved with WEAT, please feel free to contact me at 512-331-4368 or mmadolora@premierchemicals.com.

Matt Madolora
YP Chair – Central Texas Section

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Legislative Update, Ty Embrey, Lloyd Gosselink Blevins Rochelle & Townsend, P.C., March 22, 2005

OTHER EVENTS:

North Texas Section Seminar – Biological Nutrient Removal, February 10, 2005

Northeast Section Environmental Seminar, Rose Garden Center, Tyler, Texas, March 15, 2005

Texas Water 2005 – Moody Gardens, Galveston, Texas, April 5-8, 2005

3rd Bi-Annual Texas Odor and Corrosion Conference and Expo, Irving, Texas, May 12-13, 2005