



# WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

*Preserving & Enhancing the Water Environment of Texas*

CENTRAL TEXAS SECTION

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**WEAT PRESENTS**

**GEORGE SMITH, P.E.**

**U.S. FILTER ENVIREX**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2005 AT 6:00 PM**

**Joe C. Thompson Center, University of Texas at Austin**

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**by Wednesday, November 8, 2005**

Since earning his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Valparaiso University, Mr. Smith has been working with activated sludge systems for over 35 years. He is currently the Director of Biological Development at US Filter Envirex. He has worked towards obtaining eight industry-related patents, including the VLR Aeration Process. Mr. Smith is credited with bringing the Cannibal Solids Reduction Process to Envirex.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

### WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERATION (WEF) SPECIALTY CONFERENCES

#### **WEF/AWWA Joint Management Conference 2006**

Marriott Downtown Salt Lake City  
Salt Lake City, Utah

February 19-22, 2006

#### **WEF/A&WMA Odors and Air Emissions 2006**

Connecticut Convention Center  
Hartford, Connecticut

April 9-12, 2006

#### **Residuals and Biosolids Management Bridging to the Future**

Northern Kentucky Convention Center in  
Covington, Kentucky & Greater Cincinnati, Ohio

March 12-15, 2006

#### **Collection Systems Infrastructure Stewardship: Partnering for a Sustainable Future**

Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center  
Detroit, Michigan

August 6-9, 2006

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### **Young Professionals (YP) Corner**

The Central Texas WEAT YP group has gotten together to network and get to know our peers in a more informal setting by means of "Happy Hours." The October "Happy Hour" was held on October 6th at the Cedar Door and was sponsored by Raven Lining Systems. As always, we thank our sponsors for participating and hosting the events for our Young Professionals group. Our next scheduled "Happy Hour" will be on December 8th at Ringers. If you are interested in sponsoring this event please, contact:

**Kathy Pontesso**  
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On August 10th, Raj Bhattarai, Kathy Pontesso, and Stacie Jones met with Dr. Joseph F. Malina at the University of Texas - Austin campus to discuss the formation of a WEAT student chapter at the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Malina plans to meet with students after the WEFTEC conference to generate interest in the group. The first meeting is scheduled for the spring semester.

If you are interested in getting involved with WEAT YP events, please contact:

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