



CENTRAL TEXAS SECTION

March 2006

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WEAT PRESENTS

DAVID JAMES

“CURRENT STATUS OF TCEQ’S SSO COMPLIANCE INITIATIVE”

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006 AT 6:00 PM

Joe C. Thompson Center, University of Texas at Austin

RSVP by contacting Pervez Jameel

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by March 15, 2006

David James is a Program Specialist with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality’s (TCEQ) Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division. Since joining TCEQ in 1993, he has provided training and assistance to business, industry, and local governments on how to benefit from money-saving pollution prevention practices and Environmental Management Systems. He obtained B.S. and M.S. degrees in Civil Engineering from Texas A & M University.

Correction of problems that cause sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) can be lengthy and expensive for utilities, which may make them reluctant to begin corrective actions or cause delayed corrective action until required to, through the enforcement process. In order to encourage more utilities to address SSOs before they become a serious problem, the TCEQ developed a voluntary SSO Reduction Initiative in 2005. Come learn about recent changes to this unique and proactive program.

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WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERATION (WEF) SPECIALTY CONFERENCES

Residuals & Biosolids Management Bridging to the Future

Northern Kentucky Convention Center in
Covington, KY &
Greater Cincinnati, OH

March 12-15, 2006

Texas Water 2006

Austin Convention Center Austin, TX

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www.texas-water.com

April 4-7, 2006

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Young Professionals (YP) Corner

Texas Water 2006 is rapidly approaching. The conference is April 4th through April 7th at the Austin Convention Center. Several of the Austin WEAT Young Professionals will be volunteering their time at the conference for registration, moderating technical sessions, and assisting with all of the activities at the conference. The Young Professionals technical session will be from 1:30 to 5:00 pm on Wednesday April 5, 2006. This session will be geared to young professionals in both WEAT and AWWA on a range of subjects from ethics to project management. The Young Professionals reception will then be held that same evening from 5:00 to 6:00 pm and will be followed by a scavenger hunt. We look forward to seeing everyone at the conference.

The February YP happy hour was held on February 15th at Oval Divine’s on West 6th Street. The next happy hour will be April 13, 2006 at the Hula Hut out on the patio!

If your company is interested in sponsoring the next YP happy hour please contact me, sponsors are always appreciated. The objective of our happy hours is to provide an environment for the WEAT Young Professionals to meet and get to know their peers. Establishing new colleagues and friends provides a good introduction to getting more involved in the Central Texas WEAT section.

For more information about YP activities and to get on the e-mail list, please feel free to contact me at (512) 732-7517 or at Kathy.Pontesso@c-b.com.

- Kathy Pontesso, P.E.
Central Texas WEAT YP Chairperson

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