



WEAT PRESENTS

JANET SIMS

“OVERVIEW OF THE STREAMLINING RULES FOR THE GENERAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM”

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Janet Sims holds a Bachelors Degree in Chemistry from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. She has more than 18 years experience in environmental studies, which include over 6 years of water and wastewater laboratory experience. For approximately 12 years, Janet has been employed with Alan Plummer Associates, Inc., (APAI). Her experience with APAI include state and federal wastewater permitting, water quality studies, and providing assistance with technical and regulatory requirements for a variety of projects. Janet has extensive experience dealing with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality staff with the development of technically-based local limits and program documents for industrial pretreatment programs.

Several revisions to the federal rules that regulate the General Pretreatment Program became effective on November 14, 2005. The General Pretreatment regulations address requirements for, and oversight of Industrial Users who introduce pollutants into Publicly Owned Treatment Works. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency believes these new Streamlining rules will reduce the burden on both the Industrial Users and Control Authorities. Although the new rules consist of several required revisions to programs, the majority of the new provisions are optional. An evaluation of the resources and needs of each individual pretreatment program will need to be conducted to determine if the optional rules actually do reduce the burden on the Control Authority and are appropriate for the local program.

Come find out more about these new rules, required revisions and optional provisions.

YP Corner By Ryan Bell

As some of you are aware, Kathy Pontesso has transferred to Fort Worth with her job. We are all grateful to her for all her hard work as the past YP Chair. I am thrilled to serve as her replacement and hope to do as good a job as she has. We have some exciting things planned for the upcoming year, and I welcome all feedback, and more importantly, all people wanting to get involved.

A staple for the YP's is the bimonthly happy hour. On June 15, 2006, we met at Shoal Creek Saloon for some fellowship and spectacular views of one of our lovely urban creeks. On August 15, we met again, this time at Logan's on Sixth, and while not quite as scenic, a good time was had by all. Our next happy hour is currently scheduled for October 12 at a location to be determined. I look forward to any suggestions for locations. I would also like to appeal to all of you to encourage potential YP's in your office to contact me and get involved. This is a wonderful opportunity for young engineers to meet and interact with their colleagues at other companies.

In addition to happy hours, we are planning two initiatives geared toward the development of you engineers. Our chapter will be awarding a scholarship for an engineering student to attend Texas Water '07. Also, we will be working towards starting a student chapter at UT. So you can see that we will need a lot of help from any who would like to get involved. As always, please contact me at rbell@kfriese.com with any feedback or volunteers.

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A large group of attendees, comprised of water quality professionals and their guests, gathered to share memories and swap stories. The evening was filled with good food, good friends, and lots of fun. For more information on attending the annual meeting, or individual chapter meetings, please contact Pervez Jameel at 512-328-8975 or Glenn Bridges at bridgesga@c-b.com.

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