



# Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In the last issue, mention was made of our great interest in how the Reagan Administration would come down on environmental and natural resources issues. As proposed cuts in the 1982 budget are being announced, as the key sub-cabinet appointees are being named to take over policy-making in the environmental agencies, and as the **staff around them takes shape, this will be even clearer.** A lot has been said, and even more speculated, about what the real **impact will be** on the environment, environmental engineering, and environmental engineering education.

We know the general direction things will be moving in. But two things suggest that we watch carefully (as we work to promote a better understanding and appreciation of our positions) before drawing perhaps premature overly pessimistic conclusions. First, really senior officials have only recently started surfacing their proposals and plans. For example, Interior Secretary Jim Watt gave his first public speech as Secretary on resource issues on March 23rd; and we haven't heard much at all from EPA Administrator-designee Anne Gorsuch.

Second, according to recent legitimate polls, the American people still have a strong interest in a clean environment and a decent quality of life. Since this also includes voters and taxpayers, we should remain hopeful that essential and result-producing efforts and programs will continue. And this will require competent manpower.

Meanwhile, things are moving right along with AEEP. Committee chairmen are at work, and membership in all our committees will be filled out very soon. These committees involve a large proportion of our membership, and this is where most of the work is done and the substantial accomplishments of AEEP achieved.

I look forward to seeing a large number of our membership at the Purdue Industrial Waste Conference. Details have been provided elsewhere, but don't forget the workshop on Monday, May 11th and our general business meeting at noon Tuesday the 12th.

At our Board of Directors meeting preceding the Purdue conference, we will be dealing with a lot of matters of importance to you and AEEP. One I plan to raise for our Board's consideration is "What can we do, as an organization, to make a bigger difference, to have a bigger impact, to **achieve more for the profession and the public?**" I'd like to hear **directly from you** if you have any thoughts or ideas you believe would be helpful to the Board as we deal with this. Thanks in advance for your input.

Ben Dysart

## AEEP RESEARCH AWARDS

AEEP recognizes outstanding research activity through the annual presentation of three separate research awards. These awards are made possible through the cooperation of the ENGINEERING-SCIENCE COMPANIES and the NALCO CHEMICAL COMPANY. Persons interested in making application for the ENGINEERING-SCIENCE/AEEP Award for the best doctoral thesis "relevant to environmental engineering practice" (\$2000 to be divided equally between the student and the primary research advisor) or the NALCO/AEEP Award for the best doctoral thesis "dealing with industrial waste or combined municipal and industrial waste" (\$2500 to be divided equally between the student and the primary research advisor) should contact John Novak as soon as possible.

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## IMPORTANT AEEP MEETINGS AT PURDUE AEEP WORKSHOP

AEEP will sponsor a one-day workshop prior to the Purdue Industrial Waste Conference. This year's workshop will be held on Monday, May 11, 1981, and is entitled "Contaminant Transport in Groundwater." The workshop will be conducted by Professors John Cherry, Paul Roberts, and Albert Valocchi and will be held in Room 214 of the Stewart Center. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the workshop session will begin at 8:45 a.m. There is no fee for the workshop but all attendees, both members and students, are urged to pre-register by contacting:

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## GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

The membership is reminded of the general business meeting to be held at noon, Tuesday, May 12, in the Faculty Lounge on the second floor of the Memorial Student Union Building. The meeting will include a soup and salad buffet luncheon, at a cost of \$7.00 per person, and will feature Don Riddell, current President of AAEE, as the speaker.

The **exact** number of people who plan to attend the luncheon must be known by Monday, May 11th. A head count will be taken at the AEEP Workshop on Monday of those people attending the workshop who plan to attend the luncheon. Persons who plan to attend the luncheon, but not the workshop, should notify Don Lauria by phone or mail prior to May 6, 1981.

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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

The U.S. Agency for International Development has announced the appointment of Dr. John H. Austin to the post of Environmental Engineer, Division of Water Supply and Sanitation, Office of Health. He will provide guidance in human resource development and training delivery system development in water supply and sanitation for AID's overseas programs.

Austin has served the academic and training community in the environmental field for 30 years. Most recently he served as Vice President of the Maxima Corporation. He has been a professor at the University of Illinois (Urbana), Clemson University and the University of Maryland. He has had extensive experience in developing countries including service in Viet Nam with AID. In addition, he has been instrumental in developing performance-based training courses and curricula for the Environmental Protection Agency as well as for state agencies, foreign governments and professional organizations.

## CALL FOR PAPERS IAWPR DISPOSAL OF WASTES AT SEA

The International Association on Water Pollution Research announces a specialized conference on "Disposal of Sludge at Sea" to be held September 29-October 1, 1981 in London. The object of this conference will be to examine the extent of pollution of the sea arising from the disposal of sludge and the scientific evidence by which pollution from this source has been measured, to review the conditions under which sludge disposal at sea may be hygienically practiced without ecological damage or adverse economic effects, and to assess the effectiveness of existing legal powers to control the disposal of sludge at sea. Papers on original or novel work are solicited. Contact: The Secretary-Treasurer, IAWPR, Alliance House, 29-30 High Holborn, London WC1V 6BA, UK.

## OCEAN POLLUTION 1981 THE NORTH ATLANTIC

The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution together with the Bedford Institute of Oceanography are co-sponsoring an international conference on chemical contamination of the North Atlantic Ocean. It will be held October 19-23, 1981 at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Contact: Dr. J. Vandermeulen, Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Dartmouth, N.S. Canada B2Y 4A2.

The conference, through invited and contributed papers, will focus on the state and processes of chemical contamination of the marine environment of the North Atlantic offshore, including the waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Davis Strait and the Gulf Stream. There will be special emphasis on speciation and motility of contaminants (fossil fuels, hydrocarbons, synthetic organics, pesticides, heavy metals), especially as relating to recent marine deposits and available baseline information.

If interested in presenting a paper, send abstracts by May 1, 1981 to Dr. J. Farrington, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts 02543 USA.

## NEW JOURNAL ANNOUNCED ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY LETTERS

A new journal, published in England under the direction of an international editorial board is announced. North American editorial board members include W. Wesley Eckenfelder, Jr., and James W. Patterson. The stated objective of the journal is to achieve rapid publication of referred manuscripts, with publication of accepted manuscripts occurring within 60-90 days of their submission. An introductory library subscription price of \$25.00 is offered. Subscription requests should be submitted to:

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AVAILABILITY OF PROCEEDINGS  
FOURTH CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL  
ENGINEERING EDUCATION

The Proceedings of the Fourth Conference on Environmental Engineering Education, co-sponsored by AEEP and the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and held June 19-21, 1980, at the University of Toronto, are now available. Conference registrants should receive their copy of the Proceedings within a couple of weeks. Other individuals who wish to purchase a copy of the Proceedings should send a check for \$20 (\$10 if an AEEP member) to:

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Education Conference  
c/o Pritzker Department of  
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ENERGY CONSERVATION: RETROFIT OF  
MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

The Department of Energy and the Argonne National Laboratory are sponsoring the National Conference on Energy Conservation by Retrofit of Municipal Wastewater Treatment Facilities, June 23 to 25, 1981, at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. The program will emphasize new research and development in this important area for new technology. Experts in the field will chair the technical sessions, review the latest advances, and look at future developments and what these portend for municipal and county administrators. The sponsors hope to evoke interest among and bring together professionals involved with all phases of wastewater treatment, retrofit and pollution engineering, energy conservation and research, as well as from industry and local, State and Federal agencies.

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