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## THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

BY RANDOLPH RAKOCZYNSKI



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As we approach our Annual Awards Dinner and the end of our current program year, the Niagara Frontier Section can look back at another successful year. The hard work of our Envirun 5k Race Chair, Dharma Iyer, and the entire Envirun Committee deserve our congratulations on another job well done! Our 20th Annual Envirun was a success in all its aspects.

The Annual Seminar Program rebounded from a somewhat below average attendance last year and produced revenues for the Section that can only be attributed to the perseverance and diligence of our Seminar's Chair, Steve Drozdowski, and the efforts of the Seminar Committee. We had nearly 100 attendees and nearly 30 exhibitors take part in a very educational, informative and successful event.

I want to acknowledge all of those companies and organizations who stepped forward this year as either a Corporate Sponsor of Envirun, our Annual Seminar or as a Corporate Sponsor of our Scholarship Program. The Niagara Frontier Section would not be able to function and administer its programs without the dedicated financial support of our Corporate Sponsors. My heartfelt thanks and appreciation is extended to each and every one of you!

Finally, as I prepare to end my term as Chair of the Section, I am confident that the gavel I am passing over to our Vice Chair, Bruce Wattle, is going into more than capable hands. Bruce and the Officers and Directors for the 2010-2011 program year will all contribute what is expected of them -- and more.

In September, when our new program year begins -- think seriously about getting involved. Come to a meeting, bring a young professional ("YP") from your organization to a meeting as a "new" member, and consider volunteering for one of our committees!

**Randy Rakoczynski**

***Chair – A&WMA – Niagara Frontier Section***

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## Next Meeting

**Date:** May 27, 2010

**Time:** 5:30 Social Hour/Open Bar

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Speaker

**Topic:** Annual Awards Banquet and "Overview of the Proposed Part 212 Revisions and other DEC Air Program rules" – Mike Emery NYDEC Region 9

**Place:** Beaver Island Casino/Clubhouse

Beaver Island State Park

Grand Island, NY

**Menu:** Scipione Catering Elite Buffet - Caesar salad, pasta, homemade Italian sausage, carved top round of beef, potato, vegetable, dessert. 1-Hour open bar of Beer, wine, soda.

**Cost:** \$35.00 Local Members

\$30.00 Intl. Members &

Young Professionals

(<35yrs)

\$10.00 Students

\$45.00 Non-Members

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# 2010 Annual Enrichment Seminar

**Steve Drozdowski**

The 2010 Annual Enrichment Seminar was another successful AWMA event and as such we are moving forward with planning for 2011. The next Annual Seminar will be held at the **Hearthstone** in Depew again on **April 13, 2011**. Please mark your calendar now with this important date and plan on attending this invaluable educational training seminar and networking opportunity.

The Seminar committee will be diligently working, starting this summer, on the program, session topics, speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, PDHs/CEUs and all the small details that go into making a seminar a success. We welcome any thoughts, ideas, suggestions, etc. as we want the 2011 Seminar to be another success story.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors, exhibitors, speakers, volunteers, attendees and committee members! Without all of these we wouldn't have had the success we feel we accomplished! We would like to see all members of the Niagara Frontier Section of AWMA attend/and or support the seminar next year. Your support is critical to the success of the seminar and our fund raising efforts! If you would like to sponsor, exhibit, speak or volunteer to help put it together please let us know. Watch the upcoming quarterly newsletters and/or attend the chapter monthly meetings for updates on topics and speakers. Based upon our preliminary accounting, at least \$9000 was raised this past year for student scholarships and environmental causes AND we want to meet or exceed that in 2011! So again, thank you to all who sponsored, exhibited, spoke, attended and/or volunteered – it was greatly appreciated!

**Steve Drozdowski**

*AWMA Seminar Chairman*

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# NYSDEC NEWS

## Informational Session on proposed changes to the New York State Air Toxics Program is scheduled for June 8, 2010 in Buffalo

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is proposing changes to 6 NYCRR Part 212 (Part 212), General Process Emission Sources. The public informational meetings will be structured to present significant revisions of the regulation and the New York State Air Toxics Program by Department staff. These changes implement the New York State Clean Air Compliance Act (NYSCACA), the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) and streamline the current state air toxics regulatory requirements and guidelines. The proposed regulatory action divides the current Part 212, General Process Emission Sources into five Subparts:

- 212-1 General Process Emission Sources - Standard Requirements;
- 212-2 The Control of Solid Particulate Emissions from Process Emission Sources;
- 212-3 Reasonably Available Control Technology for Process Emission Sources Emitting Volatile Organic Compounds and Nitrogen Oxides;
- 212-4 The Control of Sulfur Dioxides and Lead from Process Emission Sources; and
- 212-5 The Control of State Hazardous Air Pollutants (SHAPs) from Process Emission Sources.

The purpose of separating the regulation into Subparts is to clearly delineate federal and state requirements, and to facilitate regulatory updates by Subpart when required. In order for this proposed Part 212 update to be effective, changes will need to be made simultaneously to 6 NYCRR Part 200, General Provisions; Part 201-4, Minor Facility Registrations; Part 201-5, State Facility Permits; and Part 201-6, Title V Permits. In addition, the guidance document, Division of Air Resources-1 (DAR-1): Guidelines for the Control of Toxic Ambient Air Contaminants will be updated to incorporate the current state of the science principles for conducting risk assessments.

The Department DEC will hold four public information meetings at various locations across the State which were announced in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on May 12<sup>th</sup> 2010, to discuss the revisions with the public and regulated industry. The local informational session will be held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at the NYSDEC Region 9 Office, Public Conference Room 156, 270 Michigan Avenue, Buffalo, NY from 1 pm to 3 pm.

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# NYSDEC NEWS

## DEC RELEASES PLAN TO PUT NEW YORK ON A PATH "BEYOND WASTE"

### New Direction in Solid Waste Management Focuses on Reducing Packaging and Waste and Using 'Greener' Materials

Setting a new direction for New York, State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Pete Grannis announced on May 5, 2010 the release of the draft Solid Waste Management Plan, "*Beyond Waste: A Sustainable Materials Management Strategy for New York.*" The plan sets forth a new approach for the state – a shift from focusing on "end of pipe" waste management to reducing waste from the start – that will help minimize waste, increase the use of materials that can be reused or recycled, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase green jobs.

The proposed solid waste management framework seeks to significantly reduce the amount of materials destined for landfills and municipal waste combustion. By recycling, composting, preventing waste and maximizing reuse, waste would be reduced by 15 percent every two years -- from approximately 14 million tons (as collected in 2008) to 2 million tons annually in 2018, the draft plan concludes. New York generates about the same amount of waste today as in 1990 and only 20 percent of the municipal solid waste is being recycled. The recommendations detailed in the plan include:

- ◆ A new broad policy with a focus on waste prevention.
- ◆ Support progressive solid waste and sustainable materials management.
- ◆ Education for consumers and businesses to help them reduce their generation of waste and recycle what cannot be reduced.
- ◆ A stronger emphasis on product and packaging stewardship, to extend waste responsibility to manufacturers and, thereby, encourage them to use more recyclable and less toxic materials. By shifting some responsibility, the plan also will aid local communities that currently shoulder the entire burden for waste disposal.

A public comment period has been scheduled until July 6, 2010 and can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/41831.html> on the DEC website. Comments should be submitted to Ed Dassatti, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Solid and Hazardous Materials, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-7250. DEC will be holding a meeting about the plan on June 23, 2010 at 5 p.m. at the Sheridan Parkside Community Center, 169 Sheridan Parkside Dr., Tonawanda, NY 14150, 716-873-8340.

# EDUCATION COMMITTEE NEWS

**Paul Van Kerkove**

A&WMA-NFS is pleased to announce that it will be awarding \$3,000 in college scholarships to future and current students for their studies next fall.

Akshita Iyer has been chosen to receive a Dave Sauer Memorial College Scholarship. Dave Sauer was a long-time member and historian for A&WMA-NFS. As an environmental professional, Dave was active in many environmental related community events and had a strong sense of environmental stewardship. This scholarship is awarded annually to high school seniors in continuing remembrance of Dave and his devotion to improving our environment.

Kelly Harty, Akhil Iyer, and Justin Karter have each been chosen to receive an A&WMA-NFS College Scholarship. These scholarships are awarded annually to currently-enrolled college students on the basis of environmental interests, academic record, school and community leadership, and future academic/career potential. Special consideration is given to applicants with study areas related to the environmental field.

Please join us in honoring these scholarship winners at A&WMA-NFS's Annual Awards Banquet on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **2010 PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

**BY BRUCE WATTLE**



We have put together the following 2010 program for your enjoyment. I would like to remind members to please help support A&WMA by cancelling reservations if you are unable to attend, as A&WMA is charged for all reservations not cancelled.

Date	Topic	Location
May 27, 2010	Annual Awards Dinner	Beaver Island Casino, Grand Island, NY
Jun/Jul/Aug 2010	Summer Social / Picnic	Cave-of-the-Winds, Niagara Falls, NY

The Niagara Frontier Section of the Air & Waste Management Association is now on Facebook thanks to the efforts of our historian,

Elsa Schmidt. We can be found by typing AWMA-NFS in search box on Facebook.



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# ENVIRUN

WNY's most scenic 5K course!

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual AWM&A 5K run for the environment was held on Saturday, April 24 on Goat Island, Niagara Falls. The weather was cool and sunny and we could not have asked for a better day for the race. There were 321 registered runners, and 282 of them crossed the finish line. The race started and finished just in front of the Horse Shoe Falls on Goat Island which makes it arguably the most scenic race in WNY. Coming in first place was John Boser with a time of 18:00, and Amy Fakterowitz finished first for the women with a time of 19:10. The race was a huge success because of the hard work put in by the Envirun committee members and volunteers. AWM&A would like to thank NYS Parks for allowing us to use the new start/finish location and for the assistance they provided during setup and tare down of the start/finish area. We would also like to thank all of our donors and sponsors. Without them the race would not be possible. The shirt for this year's race was one of the best ever, and we also had a light weight, 20<sup>th</sup> year commemorative jacket for sale. The post race party was enjoyed by everyone and the chicken salad stuffed pitas were a hit. The race raised over \$4,000 to be donated to a local environmental cause. Please let us know if you know of a deserving environmental cause. Next year's ENVIRUN '11 will be on Saturday, April 23, 2011.



Dharma Iyer

Envirun '10 results are posted at: <http://www.buffalorunners.com/results/2010/envirun10.htm>

Envirun photos (2 sets) can be seen at:

[http://picasaweb.google.com/lh/sreidir?uname=IyerEnviron&target=ALBUM&id=5464252701819051169&authkey=Gv1sRgCPHi15CTq\\_ijnQ&feat=email](http://picasaweb.google.com/lh/sreidir?uname=IyerEnviron&target=ALBUM&id=5464252701819051169&authkey=Gv1sRgCPHi15CTq_ijnQ&feat=email)

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