Opportunities to Streamline and Integrate Section 404 with Other Clean Water Act Programs through State/Tribal Leadership

AGENDA

Monday, March 16, 2009
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  Registration (Entry Auditorium)

Day 1. Tuesday, March 17, 2009  (Auditorium)
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  Registration (Entry Auditorium)
8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  Welcome and Overview of Workshop

Goals – Jeanne Christie, Association of State Wetland Managers, Inc. and Peg Bostwick, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality-LWMD

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  State/Tribal Roundtable: introduction from each participant: name, affiliation and hot topics.  States and Tribes will give a 2-minute summary of key activities – Jeanne Christie, Association of State Wetland Managers, Inc.

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  Break

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  Continuation of State/Tribal Roundtable

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.  When is Fill a Pollutant? The Intersection of Section 402 and 404 in Mining Operations and Other Regulated Activities, Panel Discussion

♦ Kensington Mines – Dave Evans, Wetlands Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
♦ Coal Mining in the Appalachian Region – Desiree Hann, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
♦ Point Source Discharge Program (Section 402) Perspective – Debora Clovis, Water Permits Division (402), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.  Lunch (Dining Room, The Commons)

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Integrating Section 404 with Other Clean Water Act Programs – Moderator: James Robb, Indiana Department of Environmental Management

♦ Wisconsin’s Tool Kit – Michael Cain, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
♦ Integrating On-site Treatment, Stormwater and Wetlands – Collis Adams, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
♦ Maryland’s State Programmatic General Permit and Tier 2 Waters – Denise Clearwater, Maryland Department of the Environment

2:00 p.m.-2:30p.m.  National Wetlands Inventory: A Landscape-Level Resource Management Tool – Jim Dick, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Break
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Restoring the Nation’s Waters: Opportunities and Impediments to Wetlands Protection
   - Addressing Nonpoint Sources and Wetlands through TMDL Watershed Plans and CWA Section 319 – Maryann McGraw, New Mexico Environment Department
   - Putting All the Clean Water Act Pieces Together – Kathy Mulder, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Beyond the Clean Water Act: Delegating Water Quantity Programs to States – Moderator: Jon Kusler, Association of State Wetland Managers, Inc.
   - Dave Fowler, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewer District
   - Lynda Saul, Montana Department of Environmental Program
   - Connections Between Water Quantity and Water Quality – James Robb, Ex Officio Board Member, Association of State Wetland Managers, Inc.

5:30 p.m. St. Patrick’s Day Reception. (Roosevelt Room, The Commons)

Day 2. Wednesday, March 18, 2009 (Auditorium)

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Recommendations for a National Wetlands and Climate Change Initiative Presentation and Discussion – Jon Kusler, Association of State Wetland Managers, Inc.

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Federal Perspective on Jurisdictional Issues Implementing Carabell/Rapanos Guidance – Donna Downing, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Dave Olson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Break

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Discussion of Impacts of Uncertain Jurisdiction on the Overall Clean Water Act –Moderator: Jeanne Christie, Association of State Wetland Managers, Inc.

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Clarifying Jurisdiction and Expanding the States’ Role in Implementing Section 404: ECOS Resolutions – Steven Brown, Executive Director, Environment Council of States

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Outlook for Clean Water Act Legislation – Ryan Seiger, Staff Director/Senior Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (Dining Room, The Commons)

1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Defending the Clean Water Act – John Cruden, U.S. Department of Justice

1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Opportunities and Challenges for Wetlands in the Stimulus Bill – Panel Discussion
   - Stephanie Von Feck, Clean Water State Revolving Fund, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
   - Carol Adkins, Federal Highway Administration
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Break

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Removing Barriers to State Assumption – Presentation and Discussion on Equivalency, Partial Assumption, Section 10 Waters and Funding – Peg Bostwick, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality-LWMD

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  Sustainable Finance for State/Tribal Wetland Programs: Strategies to Market Your Work More Effectively – Glenn Barnes, University of North Carolina School of Government, Environmental Finance Center

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Question and Answers on Clean Water Act Jurisdiction – Stephen Samuels, U.S. Department of Justice (Murie Lodge Common Area)

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  ASWM Board Meeting (Murie Lodge)

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  Bonfire – Outside near Instructional West

Day 3. Thursday, March 19, 2009  (Auditorium)

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  Panel Discussion on Wetland Mapping – Moderator: Alan Quackenbush, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

- Implementing the New Wetland Mapping Standard – Jane Awl, Tennessee Valley Authority
- Remote Sensing Technologies for Wetland Mapping – Megan Lang, USDA Agricultural Research Service

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  2011 Assessment of Wetland Condition – Gregg Serenbetz, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  Break

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  EPA’s Enhancing State and Tribal Programs Initiative – Lynda Hall, Rebecca Dils and Kathleen Kutschenreuter, Wetlands Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  FWS’s Strategic Plan for the National Wetland Inventory – Martin Kodis, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.  Corps’ New Strategic Plan: Opportunities for State/Corps Cooperation and Coordination – Meg Gaffney-Smith, Chief, Regulatory Program, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  Improving Wetland and Stream Mitigation – Moderator: Dave Davis, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

- Stream Mitigation Guidelines and Wetland and Riparian Protection Policy Development – Debra Baker, Kansas Water Office
- Identifying Opportunities to Improve Mitigation Program Delivery with New Guidance and Training, Discussion led by Palmer Hough, Wetlands Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Dave Olson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

12:30 p.m. - 12:35 p.m.  Wrap-up
12:35 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (Dining Room, The Commons)

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