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Tate Chosen Interim Program Manager for SBEAP

Lee Tate has been chosen the Interim Program Manager and Ombudsman for the Georgia Small Business Environmental Assistance Program. He earned a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Mississippi and also a Master's Degree in City Planning. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in both Georgia and Ohio.

After graduation, Lee served 30 years as a Commissioned Officer with the U.S. Public Health Service in a variety of environmental

engineering assignments including hazardous waste, environmental impact assessment, housing, injury control, water supply, sewage disposal, solid waste disposal, and vector control. He retired in 1994 as a Captain (O6).

After retirement, he worked with private industry until 1997 when he joined the GA EPD. For the past nine years, he has worked with the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program, assisting small businesses in Georgia with environmental compliance and permitting issues.

Lee's Column



I feel honored to be named I n t e r i m Manager of the SBEAP. Having worked over nine years for two former Ombudsmen, I

have gained genuine appreciation and insight into how this program can make a tremendous impact on Georgia's environmental health status. I am very excited to have the opportunity for building on the program momentum that Mrs. Anita Dorsey-Word left behind. She laid the foundation for a program of excellence. I pledge to do my very best to continue moving the program to even higher achievements.

When I first started with SBEAP,

few people even knew the program existed. I heard comments such as, "SBEAP is the best kept secret in EPD". That is no longer the case! We have grown from a staff of only two into a cohesive team of engineers and environmental specialists with a full-time secretary. Since recently adding another environmental engineer to our staff, and also having the temporary services of a public affairs coordinator, we are already realizing increases in assistances to small businesses, as well as gaining public confidence.

By working closely with other EPD programs and its District Offices, SBEAP is also now gaining name recognition. More importantly, other programs within EPD are now referring businesses with compliance problems to us for assistance. They recognize that many of the environmental violations are a result of the business owner being (con't pg 2)

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(con’t) unaware of the environmental regulations that apply to them.

Most owners want to do their part to improve Georgia’s environment once they understand their requirements.

SBEAP is now expanding its outreach activities. We are increasing those outreach efforts with trade associations, local service clubs and Chambers of Commerce. SBEAP staff have recently spoken to a number of others, such as Project Safe Georgia;

Chambers of Commerce in Athens, North Fulton and Macon; a metro area Kiwanis Club; and also an industry group in Savannah. This is just the beginning. As we connect to more industries through civic clubs and trade organizations; as we develop and distribute more brochures and newsletters; and as we book more speaking engagements, we will continue to see a difference. Our referrals will begin to come more from word of mouth, from trust, and from the

knowledge that SBEAP is, indeed, here to help.

Yes. I am proud to be in this position at this time of change and growth. I have strong desire to see SBEAP thrive. As coach of the SBEAP team, I want our program to become a recognized, effective, statewide program that can help improve Georgia’s environment. Georgia SBEAP wants to be number one! Please contact us for assistance or for suggestions on how we can serve you better.

Georgia SBEAP Receives National Award for Excellence



Lee Tate accepts National EPA Award from (L) Ray Spears, Deputy Chief of Staff (EPA) and (R) Jeanette Brown, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU)

Lee Tate traveled to Washington D.C. on November 2 to receive the EPA’s Administrator’s Award for Outstanding State Achievement. Anita Dorsey-Word and Lee were recognized for their teamwork in promoting compliance through voluntary assistance and outreach to small and disadvantaged businesses in Georgia. By building successful collaborations within Georgia’s state environmental programs and

the small business sectors, they created a culture that promoted environmental stewardship and voluntary compliance. As a result many small business sectors voluntarily improved compliance rates in air quality regulations, as well as other media requirements.

Lee accepted the award from Ray Spears, Deputy Chief of Staff, U.S. EPA and Jeanette

Brown, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization at an Awards Ceremony at EPA Headquarters. He was the only person from a Small Business Environmental Assistance Program to be recognized at the ceremony

Additionally, Tate serves as the EPA Region IV Representative to the SBEAP National Steering Committee.

Woody Barnes Leaving SBEAP

Vicky Giles

Woody has gone fishing.

Those of you who know Woody Barnes know he loves to fish. As a National Striped Bass Association Pro Division competitor and with two consecutive North Georgia Striper Club Championships, Woody has earned his right to talk a little fishing, which is what he does if he's not actually fishing. If he is not talking about fishing, he is talking about how to care for fish habitat. That is where his work with the SBEAP comes in. Woody has been an Environmental Specialist with the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) for 3 1/2 years. He is the contact when a small business has water quality related questions or needs permit assistance with water discharges. Woody certainly knows his water. And we are going to miss him.

Woody is leaving the SBEAP to move to Lexington, SC, where he will join his wife, Teresa and their daughter, Kelsey. Teresa accepted a job transfer with Ford Motor Credit Company and she and Kelsey moved when the new school year began. In a sense, Woody is returning home. Lexington

is near Columbia, SC, where Woody lived for 16 years and graduated from the University of South Carolina. It is also the headquarters of the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), where Woody worked (in a water related job of course) for 5 years to begin his career as an environmental specialist. Woody said that he "will miss all his friends and clients that he's worked with over the years. It has been a great experience to work with a variety of industries. But," he says, "I'm looking forward to moving back home where my mom and two brothers also live."

All is well with Woody. His new home is located on a private lake and it is also 2 miles from Lake Murray, which is home to, you guessed it, big Striped Bass! We know what you will be doing Woody!

Good luck to you Woody, and happy fishing!

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Terry Johnson Joins SBEAP

Vicky Giles



SBEAP is happy to welcome Terry Johnson, Environmental Engineer, to the team.

Terry Johnson joins SBEAP as the newest Environmental Engineer on the team. Terry brings with him an exciting array of environmental knowledge and experience in air protection and permitting. He is also a really good guy.

Terry comes from a family of educators. Born and raised in Clayton County, Terry graduated from Morrow High School as the class Valedictorian. He then attended Georgia Tech where he earned a Bachelors of Science in Chemical Engineering.

Terry's environmental experience comes from a variety of sources. He was the manager of Delta Air Lines corporate environmental compliance department until 1997 when he joined the Environmental Protection Division's Air Protection Branch. At the

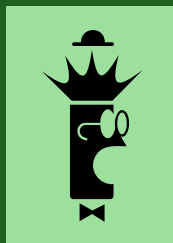
APB, his experience includes writing permits as well as creating rules to support the Georgia State Implementation Plan. He has worked for EPD almost 9 years. He took a short break from EPD and worked as an environmental consultant with a private consulting firm, where he specialized in air quality issues. The downside to the private industry, in Terry's view, was the administrative responsibilities of bringing in new business. Terry is glad to be back with EPD and is thrilled to be working with SBEAP, where he will be able to continue environmental consulting and writing, without the administrative responsibilities. "I get to do the consulting work, helping companies with all

sorts of environmental issues, without the pressure and stress," Terry says with a grin.

On his time off, Terry, an enthusiastic Georgia Tech fan, attends every Tech sports event he can. His favorite is the Tech baseball team. He even created and maintains a website, www.therustyc.com, on which current stats, schedules and pictures of Georgia Tech's baseball team can be found. Of course, Terry takes the photographs found on the site; photography, science fiction, biking and computers are also a very big part of his life.

SBEAP is proud to welcome Terry Johnson to their team.

Small Business Facts and Figures (Source: U.S. Small Business Administration)



- * Small Businesses make up 97.7% of all Georgia -and America- employers.
- * The 722,089 small businesses in Georgia are located in every community.
- * Small businesses are 97% of America's exporters and produce 26% of export value.
- * Small businesses create more than 50% of American non-farm gross domestic product (GDP).
- * Small businesses employ 44.2% of Georgia's non-farm private sector workers.
- * The latest figures show that small business creates 65% or more of America's net new jobs.

CAP's Corner

Meet Dusty Findley

Woody Barnes

In this edition of CAP's Corner, we will introduce you to Dusty Findley, Vice Chairman of the Georgia Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP.) Dusty earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Systems Management from Texas A&M in 1989 and has been working with small business owners in the cotton industry since 1991.

In 1991, Dusty went to work for the Texas Cotton Ginners Association as a field safety representative and soon became involved in environmental issues and permitting assistance for their members. In 1997 he was hired as the Executive Vice President of the Southeastern Cotton Ginners Association and relocated to Georgia. He currently represents cotton gins throughout Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia and remains active in assisting their members with environmental permitting. He finds the technical aspects of his job especially challenging, and notes that each state is unique in

the way environmental regulations are administered and enforced.

Dusty became aware of the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) in 2000 while working in North Carolina to develop a new state rule for cotton gins. He began to utilize the technical resources of SBEAPs in several states. His work with the Georgia SBEAP, combined with his desire to do more for his members, led to his appointment to the Georgia CAP. Dusty says he has really been impressed with the staff of all the SBEAPs he has worked with and their ability to provide expert assistance to so many industries in such a wide array of environmental regulations. He sees the program becoming a "one stop shop" to answer all kinds of environmental questions, from solid waste to erosion control to air quality and beyond. For example, "a simple expansion of a plant may run into air, water, solid waste, erosion control and other permits. These businesses need to

know where to go to identify what they need, where to get it, and how to complete the paperwork." Dusty continues, "They also need a friend inside the agency to help make sure the permit application is complete and to act as an agent while the permit application is going through the process. The SBEAP can do these things for small businesses just as a full time engineering staff does for big companies."

The Georgia SBEAP is very proud of Dusty and all he has done. About a year ago, he was elected to the National Compliance Advisory Panel (NCAP) as the southeast representative. Most of his work thus far with the NCAP has focused on removing any statutory or financial road-blocks as state SBEAP programs transform into multi-media (air, water, land) environmental assistance providers. He provides a direct link to information and improvements made on a national level, and can also share GA SBEAP accomplishments to benefit other states. (con't page 6)



Dusty takes a quick break from his work.

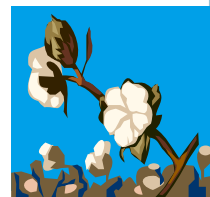


Dusty with his #1 Priority — his family. (Wife, Elissa, and daughters (L-R) Hannah, Rebecca and Abbie)

(con't) Dusty's main interest outside of environmental compliance and small businesses is his family. His wife of 14 years and three elementary school age daughters are his number one priority. He also has a hobby interest in Amateur Radio (Ham Radio to some). Dusty works with his local Emergency Management Agency as a trained Storm Spotter for the National Weather Service and is also involved in Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). ARES provided some early key communication links in the Katrina and Rita hurricane disasters

last year. It's a hobby that allows him to give something back to the community.

Thanks for all your service, Dusty, and, like the saying goes, "may you always be walking in high cotton."



SBEAP Regional Meeting

Terry Johnson

Lee Tate and I attended the annual Region IV Small Business Environmental Assistance Program conference, held in Charleston, South Carolina at the end of October. This was my first regional conference since joining the SBEAP in September. It was well-attended, with several dozen representatives of small business assistance and pollution prevention programs from Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, EPA Region IV and EPA Headquarters participating.

A number of reports were presented and topics discussed during the meeting, including: EPA Headquarters and Region IV updates and priorities, Region IV SBEAP program and CAP profiles, and subcommittee updates.

Probably the most beneficial discussions centered on the status and promulgation schedule of EPA's area source regulations and their estimated impact on small businesses. There are 16 area source categories already subject to standards under the Hazardous Air Pollutants regulatory program, and

under a recently issued court order standards are scheduled to be released for an additional 54 area source categories between December 2006 and June 2009.

The conference provided an excellent opportunity for Jeanette Brown, Director of EPA's Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) Office, to meet and address the staff representatives from Region IV and the various state programs. Ms. Brown discussed her vision for the SBEAP program and solicited input from the state representatives as to how interaction between EPA and the state programs can be increased in order to improve our success in addressing the needs of small businesses at both the local and national levels.

Another very productive discussion topic centered on the different perspectives and approaches of the Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs and the Pollution Prevention programs in each state. By coordinating efforts in some areas, the SBEAP and P2 programs can pool resources to increase the effectiveness of their efforts to

aid small businesses and promote better environmental stewardship.

From my personal perspective, the conference was a wonderful opportunity to meet and get to know so many of the people in other states in Region IV with whom I have already begun interacting. In the short time that I have been in EPD's SBEAP, it has become apparent to me that Region IV stands out from the other regions in terms of the degree of cooperation between the various state programs and the regional EPA office, and the whole exceeds the sum of the parts. The state programs in our region have learned to work together to share resources so that more results can be achieved with the limited budgets of our programs, and the excellent degree of communication between the various state programs and EPA's regional office is key to that success. The annual regional conference is an important part of forging and maintaining that spirit of communication and cooperation.

July 27, 2008 Brings Tougher EPA Rules Dictating Use of Perc

Vicky Giles



Most dry cleaner operations swear by the use of perchloroethylene, commonly called perc, to keep their

client's clothes in top shape. However, due to EPA findings that perc may be linked to cancer and other health problems, the rules surrounding the use of perc have changed.

On July 27, 2006, the US EPA toughened the rules that limit perchloroethylene emissions from dry cleaning facilities. These new rules target both large and small operations and will ultimately make all dry cleaning facilities much safer for the operators as well as the public.

The following changes are in addition to the original National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), also known as Subpart M.

For ALL existing dry cleaning facilities that use less than 2100 gallons of perc per year, the final rule:

- ◇ Requires the use of an enhanced Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR) program by July 27, 2008. The enhanced LDAR program for dry-to-dry machines requires the use of a halogenated leak detector on a monthly basis beginning July 27, 2008. Facilities will also be

required to do perceptible leak detection on a biweekly basis for small area sources (< 140 gallons annual perc usage) or a weekly basis for large area sources (< 2100 gallons annual perc usage). A perceptible leak means any perc vapor or liquid leaks that are obvious from smelling, seeing or feeling them.

- ◇ Prohibits the use of perc transfer and vented machines. A transfer machine is a multiple-machine dry cleaning operation in which washing and drying are performed in different machines. Transfer machines installed before December 9, 1991 must be removed or disabled by October 25, 2006. Transfer machines installed between December 9, 1991 and September 22, 1993 must be removed or disabled by July 27, 2008. New perc vented machines, installed after July 27, 2006, are banned. A vented machine vents into the atmosphere during some phase of the dry cleaning cycle. New machines must be non-vented, dry-to-dry type with a refrigerated condenser and secondary carbon absorber.

For existing dry cleaning facilities that use more than 2100 gallons, additional rules apply. Contact your air quality regulator for specific information.

In addition, the revised rule also requires the elimination of all perc machines in co-residential buildings by December 21, 2020. (A co-residential building is defined as a building with at least one residence, even if it is

vacant.) After December 21, 2005, new perc dry cleaning machines cannot be installed in co-residential buildings. By December 21, 2020, all perc machines in co-residential buildings must be removed or disabled. New machines in co-residential buildings must use a technology that does not use perc. After December 21, 2020, no perc dry cleaning machines will be allowed in co-residential buildings.

HELP FOR SMALL BUSINESSES:

If these new regulations still seem complicated to you, don't worry. For a small business such as dry cleaners, there is free and confidential help available. Your Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) is here to help you stay in compliance with environmental rules and give you better tools to manage them. Whether help is needed in air quality, water quality, or hazardous waste issues, you can call on staff at the SBEAP. They are there to support you in your quest for compliance. Individual, personalized assistance, either at your place of business or theirs, might be all you need. Give SBEAP a call at 1-877-427-6255 and see how they can help your business stay environmentally secure.

NOTE: The Halogenated Solvents Industry Alliance, International Fabricare Institute, the Textile Care Allied Trades Association, the National Cleaners Association and the Sierra Club are currently contesting this rule in the federal courts.

Changes to Industrial Stormwater General Permit Take Effect

Have you submitted your NOI for Industrial Storm Water discharges?

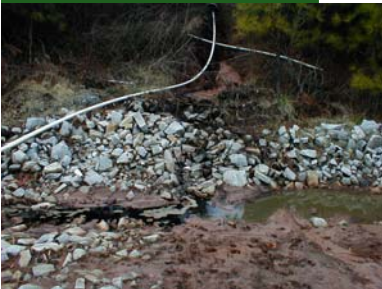
Woody Barnes



Is your business near a storm drain?



Does your business have a leaky dumpster?



Is there a potential for runoff from your business to flow into a nearby creek?



The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) new general permit for industrial storm water discharges in Georgia became effective Aug. 1, 2006. If your business is subject to the requirements, then your Notice of Intent (NOI) should have been filed by August 31, 2006. The general permit specifies which SIC (Standardized Industrial Classification) codes are subject to the requirements.

Obtain the NOI and the general permit from the Environmental Protection Division's (EPD) website at www.gaepd.org. Click on Technical Guidance and look for Storm Water under Watershed Protection Branch programs. Then scroll down to Industrial Storm Water to find the NOI and a copy of the permit with SIC code applicability. You will also find monitoring requirements, and

other guidance to assist you.

The NOI is fairly simple to complete. Along with your business and contact information, you'll need to know the GPS latitude/longitude coordinates for your site, the river basin where your storm water drains, and if your site is within a mile of a stream/river listed on the states 303(d) list of impaired streams. For a list of the impaired streams, go to where you found the NOI and click on Georgia 2004 303 (d) list for Storm Water Permits (Revised 2006.) The streams are listed by counties.

To comply with requirements of the permit, you must have an up-to-date storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP). Your plan must be developed and implemented within 60 days

of the effective date of the permit. Check with professional trade associations for your industry for plan templates used by others in your industry. Georgia Tech has developed an internet website for building a SWPPP, www.gatechstormwater.com. You can save your plan on their website and update your plan as necessary to remain in compliance.

Contact the Small Business Environmental Assistance program TODAY if you missed these deadlines and need assistance. Permit violations that impact state waters can be very expensive!



Do you store product outside?

SBEAP Speaking Engagements

SBEAP staff have been hitting the road with one goal in mind: Reach as many people as possible.

Environmental rules and permitting can be complicated. Bureaucratic, technical language doesn't make understanding the requirements any easier for the typical small business owner.

It is for that reason that Lee Tate, Woody Barnes, Roy Edwards and Terry Johnson have been on a mission to let Georgia's small business owners know that free, confidential help is available.

Connecting with potential clients through Chambers of Commerce, service clubs, conferences and industry associations can be a very effective way to let business owners know how SBEAP can help them become environmentally compliant.

If you are a member of one of these associations and would like an SBEAP representative to speak at your meeting, feel free to call and ask. We'd love to come. Call 1-877-427-6255. We'll be there in a hurry.



Lee Tate (above) and Terry Johnson (below) spread the word as to how SBEAP can help small businesses.



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