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That tricky radon gas can be beat!

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Radon Gas! The environment's way of getting back at us! virtually undetectable and mostly harmless, in and of itself. It's a noble gas with a half-life of only 3.82 days. If not for its lethal progeny, those solid mischievous daughters: polonium-218, lead-214, bismuth-214, polonium-214, lead-206, and their unstable subatomic alpha particles, obscurity would be its place in history. This mobile daughter of naturally occurring uranium-238 and, less frequently, thorium-232, is rising out of obscurity on a preponderance of evidence and may someday by proven to be the culprit responsible for untold cases of lung cancer among us.

"Home Sweet Home"! The greatest of engineers could not more effectively design a machine to collect radon gas from the depths of the underlying geology. Diffusion brings these heavy atoms of radon gas to the earth's surface to disperse into the atmosphere. They will pool in drain tile systems, hollow block foundations, the empty spaces among the aggregate beneath the slab, and the voids around the footers - the various substructures of a home in contact with the soil. Once the radon is collected in the voids, the house employs thermo-dynamics (the "Stack Effect") to pump it through each cold joint, crack and porous surface. It then collects in the basements and living areas of our premises, occasionally accumulating to hazardous proportions.

We humans are harmed when we breathe in the radioactive progeny of radon. They lodge in our lungs, decay, and emit alpha particles, damaging the living cells with which we breathe. On occasion, DNA chains in the cells are broken, then mutate, and cancerous cells are then born. This process takes many years, often decades, depending on the levels of contamination. It can shorten a human life by 20 years.

Many areas of Ohio, and the U.S. for that matter, have geology which increases the probability that these unhealthy conditions exist. Recently, the National Academy of Sciences reported in the BREIR IV Report that 13,000 lives are sacrificed to this hazard annually in America. This study confirmed much of what the U.S. EPA has been reporting for the past several years on this health hazard.

Do you know if this hazard exists in your home? Have you screened to find out? Probably not. Most individuals view radon as another problem in their already complex lives and, oddly enough, seem willing to leave this to chance. I feel this to be twisted logic. If radon gas is present in your home, it has been there since it was built, with rare exception. Now that society is aware of this hazard there should be no excuse for lack of remedial action.

Economical screening and followup tests are available. If radon gas contamination is confirmed in your home, you need not allow it to shorten a life. A professional can diagnose the problem and show any homeowner how to control the influx of radon gas. The mitigation technology is often quite simple and can be installed by the homeowner. Sealing of entry routes is a simple way to lower slightly elevated levels. If a crawl space is the source, it can be sealed, isolated, and vented. Moderate to high levels of contamination can be controlled with active depressurization systems such as drain-tile, sub-slab or block wall suction systems.

These systems use a commercial duty inline fan mounted on a 4" or 6" PVC pipe stack to create a suction

field in existing drain tiles or, when these are not present, under the concrete slab or occasionally in the block walls. This collects the radon gas from the various sub-structural voids and vents it harmlessly into the atmosphere above the house. A system like this operates 24 hours a day, year-round and adds about \$150.00 to utility costs annually. It has been my experience that most Ohio homes with a first floor area of less than 1200 square feet can be mitigated for \$1,200.00 or less. Depressurization systems require some expertise and are probably best installed by a contractor. There are several other methods of controlling radon gas contamination. Each structure has a unique personality and a solution. Currently, there are no reliable guarantees. The technology used to fix a radon contaminated home is relatively new and some homes tend to be stubborn. Reductions of 90-99% are fairly common, with most reductions at or below the U.S. EPA's voluntary action level of 4 pCi/L.

A brief warning: avoid the use of air cleaners. The U.S. EPA finds that these units are not an adequate solution and that they may even aggravate a contamination problem. They

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remove all the dust, leaving nothing for the radon daughters, which are highly charged ions, to attach to. These unattached progeny, therefore, may be drawn deeper into the lungs, where they then attach. This could result in even more damage than if nothing were done.

An ironic observation: currently, it seems individuals are motivated to test their home over concern for the property's value and not the obvious health risk. As if a valuable house is worth something to a ghost!

This is a long term health risk and the most important thing individuals can do to protect their family's health and their property's value is to first screen for the rare chance that the home has a moderate to high radon level (20 pCi/L or more), in need of immediate attention. Second, initiate a long-term follow-up test to measure average annual exposure in the most lived-in areas of the home. This is very important, for someday your property will be sold and this will guarantee a well-reasoned valuation. Radon gas levels can fluctuate several hundred percent from day to day, and season to season. There is no better way to head off panicked revaluation than with long-term results kept in your files with the deed. Third, if you do find elevated levels, confirm with follow-up tests and use one of the many by-mail detection services to monitor the diagnostic and mitigative efforts independently of your hired contractor. This benefits you by heading off any misunderstandings and weeding out

In closing, I would mention the fact that radon gas was here before us and will be here when we are gone. This does not mean that we should allow it to wreak havoc on our lives through pain and suffering in our later years. The only rational approach to dealing with the tricky gas is to face it head-on and dispose of it while we are still young. It may be a part of the Earth when I'm gone, but it won't be in my home.

Perspective

By A. G. Harris; reprinted from GAEA: April 1988 Volume 12, No. 8

For the last 25 years, people from all over the world have been traveling to the Merry Widow, Earth Angel, Sunshine or Free Enterprise mines near Basin, Montana to pay from \$1.50 to \$4.00 an hour to sit and inhale the radon gas given off by uranium ores. They believe that it will cure cancer, diabetes, arthritis, ulcers, asthma, allergies, multiple sclerosis, emphysema, and other diseases.

On the other hand, most people are worried about the amount of radon that they are exposed to in their homes. The radon comes from the natural decay of radium in the soil or rock. The radon is derived from uranium-238 through radioactive decay. The actual daughter product that the radon is derived from is radium-226, producing radon-222 which has a half-life of 3.8 days. If the radon-222 becomes attached to a smoke or dust particle and is inhaled, it can become trapped in the respiratory tract and cause cellular damage as it continues to decay. The short half-life means that 90% of it decays in 13 days, therefore the radioactive atoms cannot travel far from the source.

People are worried about developing lung cancers, especially the smoker whose chances are increased. Inhaling radon is equal to smoking one-half pack of cigarettes, if the radon count is 4-20 pCi/L, which means that you have a 20% chance of developing cancer. If the count is 20-200, the risk of cancer rises to up to 50% and above 200 the chances are 44-77%. A picocurie is a trillionth of a curie or, in other words, equal to 2 atoms disintegrating per liter per minute. Radon levels are sometimes expressed in working levels (WL) which are 200 pCi/L of radon. At this level, steps should be taken immediately to correct the problem.

According to one set of statistics, 130,000 people die each year of lung cancer. Of these, 110,000 deaths are due to cigarette smoking and 5,000-20,000 deaths are due to inhaling radon in the air.

Prime areas for radon contamination are homes in the uranium belt in the west, phosphate areas in Florida and the "Reading Prong Formation" (granite) in a zone from Pennsylvania to northern New Jersey, certain fault zones of Mesozoic siltstones derived from granites, some metamorphic rocks such as gneiss derived from uranium-bearing sediments or soils derived from the weathering of any of these rocks. Permeability of these rocks seems to play an important part in the movement of the radon.

Some estimates say as many as 1 in 5 homes may have elevated levels of radon. The maximum allowed is 4 picocuries per liter of air. EPA tests showed the ratio of contaminated homes in the following states to be:

- Colorado 39%
- Wisconsin 27%
- Wyoming 26%
- Alabama 6%
- Michigan 9%

No figures were given for the remaining states which were studied, they were: Connecticut, Kansas, Kentucky, Rhode Island and Tennessee. The highest counts were found in Alabama (180) and Michigan (162). The main sources of radon were granites and black shales.

EPA is planning to test homes in Arizona, Indiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota and Pennsylvania next.

It all started late in December of 1984 when a Pennsylvania man, Stanley Watras, who worked as an engineer in a nuclear power plant, kept tripping the radiation alarm (on his way in to the plant, no less). The source was traced to the soil beneath his home. It registered 2,500 picocuries (40 times that allowed a uranium worker per week). Steps have been taken to make his house safe.

Tightly sealed buildings can trap and concentrate the gas within the home, as can homes which were constructed on radon emitting soils and which have openings through which the gas can travel.

Prevention includes sealing of cracks in walls and floors, of entryways for pipes entering the house, or of porous cinder block. Adequate ventilation must be created for the house with air-to-air heat exchangers, subfloor ventilation, and/or exhaust fans.

For your information:

The following circulars are available on request from your state office of radiation protection (at the Minnesota Deaprtment of Health: (612) 623-5350) or the Radon Project Office (1-800-23-RADON):

OPA-86-004 A Citizen's Guide to Radon - What it is and what to do about it.

OPA-86-005 Radon Reduction Methods - A Homeowner's Guide.

OPA-87-011 Removal of Radon from Household Water.

OPA-87-009 Radon Reduction Techniques for Detached Houses -Technical Guidance.

Water Resources Conference

Reprinted from Minnegram, a publication of the Water Resources Research Center.

By all accounts, Minnesota Water: 1988 was a major success. Conference attendance exceeded our expectations by a wide margin, and based on responses the Water Resources Research Center (WRRC) received to a questionnaire, conferees regarded the diverse, two-day program as worthwhile and enlightening. Highlights of the conference included luncheon addresses by U.S. Senator David Durenberger and Minnesota Representative Willard Munger, and the opening (plenary) session. The latter featured oral presentations by five well-known authorities, who discussed the status of water quality in the state and the nation and described legislative and research needs in areas of ground and surface water quality and river management.

In his luncheon address, Senator Durenberger described a major groundwater protection bill he has introduced in Congress. He also discussed findings from a series of public hearings on groundwater problems that he conducted around the state in the week preceding the

President's Page

by Linda Lehman

In this issue, I would like to discuss some of the many projects I have become involved in during the past year. Some of these activities are directly related to my role as President of the Minnesota Ground Water Association, while others relate to my personal consulting business. Overall, I think you will find I have been very active in promoting the goals of our organization.

On the Local Level

As they say, "charity begins at home;" so does ground water protection. In accordance with this thought, I have begun to stress the importance of recycling as a means of reducing ground water contamination via landfills. In cooperation with Buckingham Disposal, a local trash hauler, I have started a monthly public education column in my community newsletter, The Savage Review. The goal of the column is to make the public aware of recycling opportunities and to provide education on ground water problems associated with landfills.

State Side

In the past several months, I have been appointed to two state committees to examine ground water related issues.

MPCA Joint Hydrology Task Force

This task force is a monthly gathering of hydrogeologists from MPCA, various other state agencies, and outside consultants. The purpose of the task force is to discuss various issues which are near and dear to the hearts of hydrogeologists. and to solicit differing viewpoints. We have had many productive meetings with topics such as pump test analyses, risk assessments, and standards development. In future meetings, the Task Force will be addressing the MDH well code and MPCA solid waste rules. I would appreciate any comments members might have on these or other issues.

EQB Advisory Committee on Ground Water Protection

This committee, chaired by Tom Anding, was established to review the current Draft Ground Water Protection Strategy for the state. I have been appointed the subcommittee chair to address the Ground Water Protection Strategy. Newell Searles has been appointed the subcommittee chair to review the Pest and Nutrient Management Strategy. Thus far, we have offered some alternatives and a general framework. Our work will not be completed until June. The final product should be an overall protection strategy which falls between a non-degradation and a limited-degradation policy, but one which emphasizes non-degradation as a goal. This policy should be in a form which can go to the Legislature next fall. We are also to come up with funding mechanisms for various programs which fall under this 'strategy umbrella", such as an aquifer classification program, well abandonment, standards setting. regulatory reform, and public educational programs. Again, any comments or suggestions are welcomed.

International

INTRAVAL

The last week of April I will be attending an important hydrologic modeling workshop in Barcelona, Spain as part of the INTRAVAL project.

The INTRAVAL project addresses the important and difficult issue of validation of models used in the performance assessment of nuclear waste repositories. This will be done through a cooperative effort involving a group of participating organizations that will investigate various techniques for the validation of mathematical models for describing the transport of radionucleides in geologic media.

Participants are from France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Japan, Sweden, USA and Canada. I will be part of the USA contingent which includes representatives of the U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the U.S. Geological Survey. My participation is funded by Governor

Richard Bryan of Nevada. The State of Nevada and the U.S. in general are most interested in unsaturated flow and transport problems because of the selection of Yucca Mountain on the Nevada Test Site as our nation's first repository.

The INTRAVAL project is directed technically by a Coordinating Group consisting of one member from each of the participating organizations. The project is managed by the Swedish Nuclear Power Inspectorate (SKI) through a project secretary and includes a principal investigator (KEMAKTA Consultants Co.), and cooperative members from the United Kingdom's Department of Environment and the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development/Nuclear Energy Agency (OECD/NEA).

The importance of validation of ground water models cannot be stressed enough. I hope to bring back to our organization a new perspective on methods.

Of General Interest

I have recently attended an informal meeting to discuss geologist/hydrologist registration or certification and have volunteered to help decide on how to proceed. Jane Willard and Pat Leonard-Mayer will soon be writing a paper on this subject. We hope to poll your opinion in the near future on whether a certification is desired by the geologic community.

Radium Seminar

Please remember our Radium Seminar; notice of this meeting has been sent to all on our mailing list and is reprinted in this newsletter. It is planned for Winona State University on May 12, 1988 from 1:30-5:00 p.m. Please plan on allowing enough time for travel so you can join us for conversation before the seminar and for refreshments after the seminar, so I can get to know more of you personally.

Students

Ask your professor about our Student Assistance Fund if your finances are a hindrance to attending this meeting. See you there!

New Geological Maps of North Dakota

North Dakota's Acting State Geologist announces the release of Miscellaneous Map 30 by the North Dakota Geological Survey. This map, entitled *Precambrian Map of North Dakota*, was compiled and drawn by Thomas J. Heck. The buried Precambrian surface is the deepest horizon recognized in North Dakota; it is the ancient surface of the igneous and metamorphic rocks upon which the sedimentary deposits of the Williston Basin were deposited, beginning about 600 million years ago.

The map shows the location of all the wells that have been drilled into the Precambrian rocks in North Dakota: all of these wells were used as data points in compiling the map. Structure contours are shown at a 200-foot interval. The Precambrian surface, which is not exposed anywhere in North Dakota, ranges from as high as 800 feet above sea level in the southeastern sediments, to as low as 14,200 feet below sea level, near the center of the Williston Basin in Williams and McKenzie Counties, where it is covered by over 16,000 feet of younger sedimentary

The map is at a scale of 1:1,000,000 (approximately 16 miles to an inch) and measures 20" x 26". It can be obtained for \$1.00 from the North Dakota Geological Survey, University Station, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58202-8156.

North Dakota has also released Miscellaneous Map 28 Generalized Bedrock Geologic Map of North Dakota, which was compiled and drawn by John P. Bluemle. The small (8.5" x 11") map is printed in color on a base that includes counties, major towns, and highways. The map shows the distribution pattern of the geologic formations that occur in North Dakota. No Minnesotan should have to drive through North Dakota without one, and besides, Miscellaneous Map 28 is free from the North Dakota Geological Survey, University Station, Grand Forks, North Dakota 58202-8156.

Jessen Named to Head Freshwater Foundation

H. Martin Jessen has been named president and CEO of the Freshwater Foundation. Jessen was selected by the Foundation's Board of Directors after an extensive, nationwide search. Board chairman, Daniel C. Chabot, who served as interim CEO, cites Jessen's extensive experience in public policy development and administration as the factors that have prepared Jessen to assume leadership of the Foundation.

The Freshwater Foundation was founded in 1968 by Richard G. Gray Sr., Hibbert Hill and Carroll Crawford for the purpose of assuring adequate supplies of freshwater for human consumption, industry and recreation. The Foundation raised private funds to build the Gray Freshwater Biological Institute on Lake Minnetonka in Navarre, Minnesota. In 1976 the Institute was given to the University of Minnesota.

The Freshwater Foundation is a non-profit, non-advocacy organization. In addition to supporting scientific research, the Foundation is a national center for water information. The Foundation produces the Journal of Freshwater and other informative publications, encourages dialogue on surface and groundwater issues and acts as a catalyst, seeking cooperation and commitment by bringing together people with differing points of view to promote the sound use and management of water resources.

Support for the Foundation is provided by grants and gifts from foundations, corporations and individuals, who share concern for water and, through the Freshwater Foundation, participate in keeping water resources useable.

The Freshwater Foundation expands awareness and understanding of water issues, promotes responsible stewardship of freshwater resources and provides specialized information for families and for professionals in the fields of government, research, public health, education, agriculture, business and industry. Membership in the Freshwater Foundation is open to any individual, organization or business who is interested in assuring adequate quantities of usable freshwater for this and future generations. The Foundation's offices are located at 2500 Shadywood Road, Navarre, MN 55392.

Humphrey presses for passage of Federal Hazardous Waste Enforcement bills

Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III has announced his support for two bills now being considered in the U.S. House of Representatives that would strengthen the ability of states to enforce hazardous waste laws at federal facilities.

"Federal facilities should be the models of compliance with hazardous waste laws," Humphrey said in a statement to the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Hazardous Materials. "Instead, federal facilities cases are often the most difficult hazardous waste enforcement cases a state encounters."

Many Department of Defense and Department of Energy facilities are among the most dangerous hazardous waste sites in the country, Humphrey said. At the same time, resolving problems at these facilities has been more difficult than resolving hazardous waste problems involving private parties.

Humphrey, one of four attorneys general to serve as a member of the National Environmental Enforcement Council, said that one of the reasons for this difficulty is that federal agencies do not face the same legal accountability as private parties.

Humphrey said the bills will address these issues by:

- clearly making federal facilities subject to state lawsuits for failure to properly manage hazardous waste;
- preventing the federal government from protecting its contractors from liability for the contractor's improper management of waste; and
- making a contractor who operates a federal facility a party to any hazardous waste permits issued to the U.S. government for the facility

"Strengthening the states' enforcement authority should encourage federal agencies to negotiate with the states." Humphrey said. "And, it will likely lead to quicker agreements for cleanups of hazardous waste problems at federal facilities."

Several federal installations in Minnesota generate hazardous waste. Hazardous waste improperly stored, handled and disposed of at one of these facilities, the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant, resulted in the contamination of over 20 square miles of the principal aquifer underlying the northern suburbs of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

In July 1987, after months of pressing the U.S. Army to take responsibility for the contamination, Humphrey negotiated a landmark agreement with the U.S. Department of Defense for the cleanup.

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conference. Representative Munger outlined the major features of his proposed Environmental Trust Fund, a major piece of legislation which will soon be considered by Minnesota's voters, and reviewed some of the important environmental bills that he helped to enact over the years as a State Representative from Duluth. Jack Ditmore, Chair of the EQB, presented a plaque of appreciation to Representative Munger for his years of dedicated service in protecting and improving Minnesota's water resources.

The oral technical sessions, computer workshops, and poster sessions all were very well attended, and in fact the large attendance strained the meeting room facilities. It is clear to the organizing committee that larger facilities will be needed for future conferences.

Over 340 people attended Minnesota Water: 1988, and the registrants represented a very broad distribution of water resources professionals from around the state, including many persons from state agencies; university faculty and graduate students (from both the University of Minnesota and outstate universities); planners and managers from local agencies, private consultants, and state legis-

lators. Nearly everyone who responded to the questionnaire agreed that conferences like Minnesota Water: 1988. should be held on a regular basis, but sentiment was divided between an annual and biennial format. For a variety of reasons, the organizing committee believes that a biennial conference would be most feasible over the long term, and the WRRC plans to organize and sponsor these conferences on evennumbered years. Planning for Minnesota Water: 1990 will begin later this year.

Take Note

Foth & Van Dyke has moved to a larger office at 6474 City West Parkway, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55344. The phone number is (612) 942-0396

ERT's expanded offices are located at 4500 Park Glen Road, Suite 210, St. Louis Park, MN 55416. The phone number is (612) 924-0117

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Call for Nominees

The conference planning committee of the Minnesota Section, ASCE, is seeking individual nominees for its annual award for Outstanding Achievement in Water Resources. The award will be presented at the 21st Annual Water Resources Conference November 9-10, 1988. All public and private organizations are invited to submit nominees for review.

The following is the criteria for nomination and selection:

To be considered for the annual Award for Outstanding Achievement in Water Resources, an individual should have an extended history of contributing to the betterment of water resources in Minnesota. Nominees can be from any discipline and can represent such aspects as research, administration, engineering, etc.

Nominations should be received no later than July 1, 1988. Contact: Jan Becker, University of Minnesota, 315 Pillsbury Drive, SE, Minneapolis MN 55455 (612) 626-1358

Call for Abstracts

21st Annual Water Resources Conference November 9-10, 1988 University of Minnesota St. Paul, Minnesota

The conference planning committee of the Minnesota Section, ASCE, is seeking topics and exhibits. All public and private organizations are invited to submit abstracts for review.

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to:

- Computer Applications
- Erosion/Sedimentation
- Hydraulics
- Hydrology
- Watershed Planning
- Water Quality
- Non-Point Source Pollution
- Pollution Control

Presentation formats may involve case studies/practical design

methods, problem solving workshops, and lecture presentations.

The audience will consist of 100-125 water management professionals. Applicants should submit a brief abstract of their presentation or exhibit by May 15, 1988.

Contact: Jan Becker, University of Minnesota, 315 Pillsbury Drive, SE, Minneapolis MN 55455 (612) 626-1358

State of Wisconsin requires that hydrogeologists be trained in hydrogeology!

This letter was received from Paul Huebner, C.P.G.S., Hydrogeologist, Acting Chief, Residuals Management & Land Disposal Section, Bureau of Solid Waste Management.

Dear Interested Party:

As you may know, Wisconsin has revised its solid waste administrative codes. The new NR 500 series of codes became effective February 6, 1988. One provision of the new codes is that certain reports including groundwater monitoring plans, initial site reports, feasibility reports, plans of operation and in-field conditions reports must be signed by a hydrogeologist.

This letter is to let you know that effective February 6, 1988, the Department will not accept for review any report submitted for a proposed or existing landfill where interpretation of geology or hydrogeology is necessary unless the report is signed by a hydrogeologist in accordance with NR500.05(4), Wis. Adm. Code. NR500.03(64) and NR550.31(e)2 define hydrogeologist as a person who is a graduate of an accredited institution of higher education who has successfully completed 30 semester or 45 quarter hours of course work in geology. At least 6 semester or 9 quarter hours must have been in hydrogeology, geohydrology or groundwater geology. The person must also have acquired through education and actual field experience the ability to direct the drilling of borings and the installation and development of wells, and to evaluate and interpret geologic and hydrogeologic data in accordance with the requirements of chapters NR508, 510, and 512.

Therefore, hydrogeologists who sign reports which contain interpretation of geology or hydrogeology must certify that they meet the above definition. We suggest that the following wording be used:

I, hereby certify that I am a hydrogeologist and meet the requirements of NR 500.03(64), Wis. Adm. Code.

The purpose of this new requirement is to help ensure that the interpretation of the geologic and hydrogeologic data in the reports we receive for a landfill is being done by a qualified hydrogeologist. Also, we strongly believe a person has to have an advanced understanding of geology and hydrogeology along with actual field experience to correctly interpret the origin and stratigraphy of the subsurface environment and its physical and chemical characteristics.

If you should have any questions about this new requirement, please feel free to call me at (608) 267-7573.

Call For Papers!

The Assocation of Ground Waters Scientists and Engineers is currently soliciting papers for:

Environmental Problems in Karst Terranes and Their Solutions -November 16 - 18, 1988, Nashville, Tennessee. Deadline: June 24, 1988

Solving Ground Water Problems with Models - February 7 - 9, 1989, Indianapolis, Indiana. Deadline: August 19, 1988.

Ground water professionals interested in submitting abstracts for these conferences should do so by the appropriate deadlines. Abstract submission forms and suggested topics for papers can be obtained from the NWWA Education Department, 6375 Riverside Drive, Dublin OH 43017 (614) 761-1711

Calendar

- May 23 26, 1988 Second National Outdoor Action Conference on Aquifer Restoration, Ground Water Monitoring and Geophysical Methods. To be held in Las Vegas, Nevada by NWWA.
- June 6 10, 1988, and repeated July 18-22 Practical Approaches to Ground-Water Hydrology and Contamination. Contact: Shari Dunn, School of Geology, Oklahoma State University, 151 Physical Sciences, Stillwater, OK 74078-0451.
- June 7 9, 1988 A Hands-On Workshop on Ground Water. College Park, Maryland. Contact: Richard M. Miller, American Ecology Services, Inc. 127 East 59th St. New York, NY 10022 (212) 372-1620.
- June 8 10, 1988 9th Annual Water Resources Indiana Symposium: Water Association Resources: From Science to Contact: Greg Regulation. 2605 North IWRA, Nethery. Shawnee Trail, LaPorte IN 46350.
- June 12 14, 1988 Third National Conference on Drinking Water. St. John's Newfoundland, Canada. Contact: Chairman, Third National Conference on Drinking Water, P.O. Box 205, St. John's Newfoundland, Canada A1C 5J2.
- June 12 18, 1988 Karst Hydrology Field Studies at Mammoth Cave. credit is available. Graduate Contact: Nicholas Crawford. Department of Geography and Kentucky Geology, Western Green. University, **Bowling** Kentucky 42101 (502) 843-4979.
- June 13 16, 1988 Ground Water Modeling Without Advanced Mathematics (Course I). To be held in Baltimore by NWWA's AGWSE.
- June 13 18, 1988 International Conference on Constructed Wetlands for Wastewater Treatment. Chattanooga, Tennessee. Contact: Donald A. Hammer, Senior

- Wetlands Ecologist, TVA, Division of Land and Economic Resources, Forestry Bldg., Norris, TN 37828.
- June 13 16, 1988 Ground Water Modeling Without Advanced Mathematics (Course Mini II). To be held in Baltimore, Maryland by NWWA's AGWSE.
- June 13 17, 1988 Safety at Hazardous Materials Sites: A Hands-On Workship. To be held in Valhalla, New York by NWWA's AGWSE.
- **June 14 16, 1988** Ground Water Treatment Technology. To be held in Baltimore by NWWA's AGWSE.
- June 14 16, 1988 Ground Water Monitoring and Sampling for the newly practicing Ground Water Professional. To be held in Baltimore by NWWA's AGWSE.
- June 20 24, 1988 Parameter Estimation in Groundwater Simulation. A short course to be held in Indianapolis by IGWMC.
- June 21 24, 1988 Canadian/ American Conference on Hydrogeology: Fluid Flow, Heat Transfer and Mass Transport in Fractured Rocks. To be held in Banff, Alberta, Canada, cosponsored by NWWA's AGWSE.
- July 7 10, 1988, 1988 AWG Field Trip, 4 day raft trip down Lodore Canyon on the Green River in NW Colorado and NE Utah! For information and reservation form contact Marcia Knadle, 20201 SE 216th St. Maple Valley, WA 98038 (206) 442-1641.
- July 12 13, 1988, Environmental Site Assessment Course. A short course to be held in Boston by NWWA.
- July 19 20, 1988, Critical Issues in Underground Storage Tank Management. A short course to be held in San Francisco by NWWA.
- July 25 29, 1988, Modeling of Fluid Flow and Contaminant Transport in Fractured or Granular Porous Media, a short course to be held in Indianapolis by IGWMC.

- August 22 26, 1988, Stochastic and Geostatistical Analysis for Groundwater Modeling, a short course to be held in Indianapolis by IGWMC.
- August 28 31, 1988 Symposium on Water-Use Data for Water Resources Management. To be held in Tucson, Arizona by AWRA.
- September 26 30, 1988 G/S Symposium, to be held at the Sheraton Tech Center in Denver, Colorado. Six 1/2-day short courses offered. Contact: Dr. T. Usselman, GIS Symposium, National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20418.
- October 11 13, 1988 Introduction to Contaminant Transport Modeling, a short course to be held in Tampa by NWWA.
- October 11 13, 1988 33rd Annual Midwest Ground Water Conference. Columbus, Ohio. Contact Steven M. Hindall USGS 975 W. Third Avenue, Columbus, OH 43212-3192.
- November 7 9, 1988 Water Modelling and Measurement, to be held in Harrogate, England. Contact Rosemary Pickford, Symposium Organizer, Water Modelling and Measurement 2, BHRA, The Fluid Engineering Centre, Cranfield, Bedford, MK43 OJA, England (44) 234 750422.
- November 9 10, 1988 21st Annual Water Resources Conference, to be held at the University of Minnesota by the Minnesota Section of ASCE. Contact Jan Becker, University of Minnesota, 315 Pillsbury Dr. SE, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455.
- For information about meetings and seminars to be held by the NWWA, contact NWWA at 6375 Riverside Drive, Dublin, Ohio 43017 (614) 761-1711, Telex 241302.
- For information about Short Courses held by IGWMC, contact Margaret Butorac, International Ground Water Modeling Center, Holcomb Research Institute, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN 46208 (317) 283-9458.

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