AWMA-UPPER MIDWEST SECTION EVENTS & NEWS

November 7, 2019 8:00 AM-5:00 PM @ the Minneapolis Convention Center: 34th Annual Conference on the Environment

June 6, 2019 4:30 PM-6:00 PM @ Surly Brewing: Young Professionals Happy Hour

Director Position Open: Are you interested in becoming more involved with AWMA-Upper Midwest Section? We currently have an opening for a Director position. This position has a three year term length, and responsibilities include participating in monthly board meetings and other AWMA events. For more information or to apply for this position, please reach out to Andrew Willing by May 10.

YP to ACE SCHOLARSHIP
Apply by 5/10/2019 for the 2019 YP to ACE Scholarship

The UMS Young Professionals Group is pleased to offer a sponsorship to a deserving young professional (35 years old or under) to help them get to this year’s ACE in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada - June 25 through 28, 2019.


Applications are due to Hannah Brady via email (hbrady@wenck.com) by noon, Friday, May 10, 2019. Learn more about the conference and register for ACE 2019 before advance rate pricing ends May 24, 2019 here: https://www.awma.org/ace2019

UPCOMING WEBINARS
1) May 1, 2019 1:00 PM-3:00 PM: AWMA National Webinar Series-All About CEMS Part 1
2) May 2, 2019 1:00 PM-3:50 PM: AWMA National Webinar Series-All About CEMS Part 2
3) May 7, 2019 1:00 PM-2:30 PM: AWMA National Sensor Deployment & Platforms for Smart Cities-Technology Applications & Bloomberg Mayors Challenge Case Study
4) May 14, 2019 1:00 PM-2:30 PM: AWMA National In the Beginning-The Clean Air Act

Click HERE for Details and Registration Information
IN THE NEWS

New Insignificant Activities Rulemaking
On January 14, 2019, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s (MPCA’s) amendments to the exempt source and insignificant activities (IAs) / conditional IAs (CIAs) rules became effective. This rulemaking may require a submittal by May 14, 2019 if facilities have been operating without a permit or if historical IAs/CIAs no longer qualify as IAs/CIAs under the new rules. More information is provided on MPCA’s Rulemaking Website.

Minnesota EQB Hearing to be Held
On May 31, 2019, Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB) will be holding a hearing at MPCA in St. Paul to discuss the associated comments received as part of the EQB’s Mandatory Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW at Minn. R. 4410.4300) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS at Minn. R. 4410.4400) Categories Rulemaking public comment period (11/13/18 – 2/4/19). More information is provided on EQB’s Rulemaking Website.

Managing Carpet Waste from Home Renovation Projects
The management of waste materials from home renovation projects can be challenging, take for example replacing old carpeting. The Minnesota legislature is considering the creation of a product stewardship model to manage problematic household wastes. The bill would seek to increase the responsibility of the product manufacturer by requiring them to develop and finance a recycling program for used carpet. This type of program is not new and has been used successfully in the state with electronics and paint recycling. Learn more by following this LINK.

2007 Renewable Fuel Standard Consequences
National Wildlife Federation reports that the creation of the Renewable Fuel Standard in 2007 has had unintended consequences that have resulted in exacerbating the air quality related issues it was meant to solve and creating new ones. See their report by following this LINK.

How States are Responding to Global Import Bans
The United States has been exporting large volumes of wastes to China, India and other countries to support our recycling programs. In April of 2018 China announced that it was extending the 2017 ban on imports of items such as unsorted paper and some plastics to dozens more types of recyclable materials including scrap metal. In March, the Indian government announced they were banning the import of plastic READ MORE.
Waste Drive has created a website to track how various States are responding to these global market forces. To see how Minnesota’s recycling programs are doing follow this LINK.
**MPCA FORM UPDATES**
The following common MPCA air permit application forms have been updated this year (Link to MPCA Forms):

1) IA-01: Insignificant Activities (1/2/2019)
2) IA-01R: Insignificant Activities Supplemental Information (1/2/2019)
3) CK-01: Operating Permit Application Requirements (2/4/2019)
4) GI-09: Requirements Form (2/4/2019)
5) CH-02: Action Type Determination (1/2/2019)
6) CH-04e: Required Elements for a PSD Permit Application (2/4/2019)