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AWRA-New Mexico Section Summer 2005 Newsletter

Dear peter,

The Summer 2005 newsletter has arrived. Your invitation to our quarterly luncheon, along with other news on discounts to water resources events in New Mexico are included. Please check into the new additions, which include an events calendar and news briefs. You won't want to miss the water resources events coming up here in New Mexico!

Our Mission: The American Water Resources Association (AWRA) provides a focal point for the collection, organization, and dissemination of ideas and information in the physical, biological, economic, social, political, legal, and engineering aspects of water-related problems. The New Mexico Section of the AWRA provides an essential regional forum for communication among disciplines that share a common interest in water supply, quality, use, development, and conservation.

President's Message

By Peter
Castiglia,
2005
President

This section stands between you and a wealth of information below on important water news and events in New Mexico. As part of repositioning our member outreach for the AWRA-NM Section, we've adopted an online approach that will provide each members with what we hope to be a more convenient medium for delivery.

This e-newsletter, along with upcoming changes to our website, will add value to your membership and enable you to efficiently access information about events, news, and water resources information.

Our plan is to improve membership accessibility through investing in our website and outreach materials to better serve our members. With that, I leave you to your Summer 2005 Newsletter below. Enjoy!

Summer Luncheon Announcement

Abstract by
Cindy Ardito

Guest Speaker : Cindy Ardito



**Uptown Sports Bar & Grill (formerly O'Niells)
Wednesday, August 31, 2005**

Lunch: 11:30 AM

Speaker: 12:00-12:30 PM

Order from two pre-paid menus, each with a vegetarian option
The lunch options are either \$9.50 or \$10.50

Abstract: Santa Fe County is developing a regional groundwater model to improve its understanding of potential water-supply options. The County is an area of high growth and there are competing demands for the available water supply. The presentation by Cindy Ardito of INTERA will focus on development of this regional model, development of a collaborative process between the County and the City of Santa Fe, and the results to date.

About the Speaker: Ms. Ardito is a Senior Hydrogeologist and Vice President with INTERA, Inc. of Albuquerque, and coauthor of a milestone paper on expedited cleanup of leaking UST sites by combined vapor extraction/air sparging. She has more than 20 years of work on ground water quality, water resources evaluations, and environmental site characterization. She has provided expert witness and technical support for several litigation projects involving water resources evaluations and a natural resource damage assessment.

News Briefs

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Important Water Resources News for New Mexico



State Regulations Take Effect in August “Farmington (US Water News) - Regulations to reduce groundwater contamination from septic tanks will take effect in August 2005. The regulations revise wastewater treatment standards and provide a mechanism to bring unpermitted systems, which are estimated to be about half of the 220,000 septic tanks in the state, into oversight.”

NRC judge sides with mining company “Santa Fe (AP) – A Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) judge has endorsed a mining company’s plan to extract uranium near two Navajo Nation communities in northwest New Mexico. Eastern Navajo Dine Against Uranium Mining has raised concerns about possible groundwater pollution at four proposed mining sites near Church Rock and Crowpoint. New Mexico-based Hydro Resources, Inc. has asked the NRC for permits to inject chemicals into the ground to release uranium and pump the solution to the surface.” Opposition groups plan to appeal the decision.

Energy Policy Act signed in New Mexico President Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005 into law on 8/8/05 at Sandia National Laboratories. The Act has affects on water resources:

- Title I. Energy Efficiency. Sec. 101. Energy and Water Savings in Congressional Buildings, which amends the National Energy Conservation Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8251 et seq.)
- Title III. Oil and Gas. Sec. 344. Incentives for natural gas production from deep wells in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico.
- Title III. Oil and Gas. Sec. 345. Royalty relief for deep-water production.
- Title XV. Ethanol and Motor Fuels. SEC. 1530. Additional Measures to Protect Groundwater, which modifies several Sections of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6991b)
- Title IX. Research and Development. Sec. 979. Energy and water supplies. Program elements include (1) arsenic treatment, (2) desalination, and (3) planning, analysis, and modeling of energy and water supply and demand.

Events Calendar

Upcoming Water Resources Events

- **August 16:** [New Mexico Water Research Symposium Advances in Hydrology: Methods and Instruments](#). A one-day technical symposium. Macey Center, New Mexico Tech. Socorro, NM – li>
- **August 31:** [AWR A-NM Section Luncheon](#). Balancing Regional Water Needs: The Santa Fe County Water Resources Management Model. Uptown Bar & Grill, Albuquerque, NM
- **September 21 – 24:** [New Mexico Geological Society 56th Annual Fall Field Conference](#): Chama - Ghost Ranch, NM
- **October 17 - 19:** [National Ground Water Association](#), An Introduction to Ground Water. Albuquerque, NM -
- **October 18-20:** [50 th Annual New Mexico Water Conference](#): Past, Present, and Future OR Guns, Lawyers, and Money, Corbett Center, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM -
- **Oct. 30 – Nov. 3:** [New Mexico Environmental Health Conference](#), Sheraton Old Town, Albuquerque, NM -
- **December 8 - 9:** [2005 National Salinity Management and Desalination Summit](#). Nevada Water Resources Association. Albuquerque, NM -
- **February 5 – 8, 2006:** American [Water Works Association](#). 2006 Water Sources Conference and Exposition. Albuquerque, NM - .
- **March 9 - 11, 2006:** Xeriscape Council of New Mexico. 11th [Xeriscape Conference & Expo](#). Albuquerque, NM -

To Our Members

If you have events, topics, or short articles that you would like to share with the New Mexico Water Resources Community, please write Peter Castiglia at pcastiglia@swca.com for more information.

Benefits of Membership

Members of AWRA-NM Section save money on select events, receive information on New Mexico's top water issues, and are part of one of the State's leading professional water organizations.

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