



TAMPA BAY ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS

NEW TBAEP WEBSITE!!!

Check out our new website at www.TBAEP.org. We have information about meetings, activities and more! There is an archive of past newsletters as well as contact information for our Board of Directors. There are also links to FAEP and NAEP for your convenience. We will continue to work on the content of the website so check back often to see new information. A special thanks to **James Sweiderk** at **TheyWill.com** for designing and hosting our website. James has done a fantastic job for us and we highly recommend him if you need web site services for your organization.

PINELLAS COUNTY BOATING ACCESS TASK FORCE

Pinellas County has formed a task force of boaters, fishermen, marina owners, and other marine and boating industry representatives to begin to address preservation of waterfront access. The task force will work with staff to identify current issues, challenges and opportunities for creating new access points, and preserving existing areas of access to Pinellas County's waters. Check out: www.pinellascounty.org/boating/
The County is also actively seeking properties along Gulf Boulevard to provide beachgoers with adequate parking from Indian Rocks to Madeira Beach. Penny for Pinellas sales tax revenue will pay for land that will be used for parking areas on the east side of Gulf Blvd.

JUNE MEETING AND PRESENTATION

Thanks to those who attended our June lunch meeting. Jim Cuda from the UF/IFAS Entomology & Nematology Dept. gave a great talk on Biological Weed Control, specifically Brazilian Pepper. Thanks to Jim for sharing his work with our members.

JULY MEETING

Join us at the Florida Chamber 19th Annual Environmental Permitting School in Marco Island for the Annual FAEP get-together on July 19th at 5:30PM. The meeting is being held on Tuesday evening at the beginning of the conference.

JULY 2005

Upcoming Meetings!

- **July 19 - 5:30 PM**

Joint meeting with FAEP

Florida Chamber Short Course

Marco Island

Annual FAEP Meeting

Food, drinks and good cheer

- **Aug 17 - 4:30 PM**

Terry Finch

Kapok Wetlands Water Quality Restoration Project

At City of Clearwater-Room 111

- **Sept 21 - 12:00 PM**

Kristen Penny Sommers

Bird Research at Shell Key Preserve

Weedon Island

www.weedonislandcenter.org

Looking for a Great Way to get Your Organization Recognized?

TBAEP meeting sponsorships are now available. Your organization or firm can sponsor the food and/or drinks for a monthly meeting and we'll give you lots of credit for a job well done! Come see what you've been missing at the new TBAEP!

TBAEP is committed to developing your professional and personal goals while we as an association strive to provide you with a professional organization that represents your interests.

VOLKSWAGEN OF AMERICA TO PAY FINE

Volkswagen will pay \$1.1 million, the largest civil penalty ever assessed, to resolve its failure to promptly notify and correct a defective oxygen sensor affecting at least 326,000 of their 1999, 2000 and 2001 Golfs, Jettas, and New Beetles, federal officials announced on June 15th. The action comes under an agreement filed with the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. As part of the settlement, Volkswagen completed a voluntary recall of the affected vehicles at a cost of over \$26 million. Vehicles with the defect may release thousands of tons of harmful pollutants including nonmethane hydrocarbons (NMHC) and carbon monoxide (CO). NMHC are key reactants in the production of ozone, a major contributor to cancer-causing smog. CO impairs breathing and is especially harmful to children, people with asthma, and the elderly.

The defect occurs gradually on engine start-up in cool and damp environments when the oxygen sensor cracks from "thermal shock". The dashboard indicator light illuminates, telling the owner to "Check Engine". Volkswagen received numerous warranty claims associated with cracked oxygen sensors during the winter of 1999-2000, but did not report the defect to the EPA until June 2001. EPA had already discovered excess emissions from a randomly selected vehicle during a routine test.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We'd like to welcome these new and returning members to our organization:

William Carey

Roy Lewis

Mike Lodato

Nancy Page

Donald R. Richardson, Ph.D.

ATTENTION TBAEP MEMBERS !!!

As a member of FAEP you are allowed to get the **Chamber discount (\$30)** when registering for the Environmental Permitting Summer School at Marco Island. With this savings the cost to you for your annual membership to TBAEP/FAEP is only \$10 (form on page 4 of this newsletter). So, join TBAEP first and then register for the conference and get your \$30 discount.

UPCOMING 2005 CONFERENCES

Environmental Permitting Summer School (Don't forget the \$30 discount!)	July 20-22	Marco Island, FL	www.floridaenet.com
Air & Waste Management Association	June 21-24	Minneapolis, MN	www.awma.org
FES/FICE 89 th Annual Summer Conference	August 3-6	Marco Island, FL	www.fleng.org
30 th Annual Conference on Water Management	September 7-9	Fort Myers, FL	www.mcraeco.com/acowm_conf.html
2005 FDOT Environmental Management Workshop	October 3-6	Sarasota, FL	www.dot.state.fl.us/emo/news.htm
Florida Brownfields Conference	October 9-12	Jacksonville, FL	www.floridabrownfields.org
Ecosystems Restoration and Creations	October 27-28	Tampa, FL	www.hccfl.edu/depts/detp/ecoconf.html
EPA National Brownfields Conference	November 2-4	Denver, CO	www.brownfields2005.org
Florida Remediation Conference	November 8-9	Orlando, FL	www.enviro-net.com
Public Land Acquisition & Management Partnership Conference	November 16-18	Southeast FL (TBA)	www.ser.org/cpc/events.asp

South Korea to Build World's Largest Tidal Energy Plant

There are plans to complete the 260-megawatt Sihwa Lake Tidal Power Plant by 2009. The facility will dam the flow of water from the ocean into Sihwa Lake, creating power at high tide as the ocean flows into the lake, but allowing the unrestricted flow of the water back into the ocean during low tide. The arrangement is planned to also increase the water quality in the lake.

PERK UP A PARK

Volunteers are needed for invasive plant control and cleanup at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor.

When: Sat. July 25th 8:30 to 11:30AM

Where: Philippe Park, 2525 Philippe Parkway

Who: Pionellas County Parks and Recreation

Contact: 727-669-1947

Employment Opportunity

Central Florida Testing Laboratories, Inc.

Is filling for entry-level positions. They offer a wide variety of construction testing and engineering consulting services. They are a geotechnical engineering firm that does construction materials testing, geotechnical engineering services, for land developers, civil engineers and contractors. They also do comprehensive geophysical and geotechnical subsidence evaluations for insurance companies processing sinkhole claims. In addition, they provide comprehensive, quality controlled, certified laboratory services. CFTL is located in Clearwater and can be contacted at 727-572-9797.

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New Member? Yes No Renewal? Yes No Date _____

\$40 Chapter Membership *and* FAEP Membership \$10 Student Chapter Membership

National Association of Environmental Professionals Membership (optional)

\$125 NAEP only Dues (NAEP Member # _____)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

ZIP: _____ Phone (w): _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

CEP? Yes No

Employment: Academic Government Private

Type of Work: Environmental Management Environmental Planning Environmental Compliance

Biology-Botany, Ecology, Wildlife Management Engineering

Law Environmental Consulting Other

Area of Expertise: Impact Assessment Design Permitting

Monitoring/Analysis Teaching Research

Waste Management Other

Degree(s)/Year _____ University _____

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