



Connecting the Waters

There are some lessons in life that really stick. The realization that we are all more interdependent than we think, and understanding that our actions have an impact on others ranks right up there for me. This scenario plays out dramatically as the global population grows to about 6.7 billion and human impact on the earth plays a significant role. On a smaller scale it plays out just as strong when we look at how regulating municipal and industrial waste

reduces our environmental impacts on local streams and rivers. New York Water Environment Association members understand this concept; however, we need to work on getting this message understood by the general public.

Humankind has not woven the web of life.

We are but one thread within it.

Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.

All things are bound together.

All things connect.

Chief Seattle, 1854 – Leader Suquamish and Duwamish Native American Tribes

Indian Chief Seattle's message written over 150 years ago has the

same impact today as it will over the next century. This philosophy is the basis of the theme of this issue, "New York's Role in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed," and gives us all a wider perspective of how discharges from each state singly and cumulatively have an effect on what's downstream. The multi-state stringent standards put into place by the USEPA will improve water quality and that in the end affects all of us.

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The Process of Making History

The 81st Annual Meeting is now a part of NYWEA's history. This year's meeting was a tremendous success with 1,205 people in attendance. The technical program was strong with 20 sessions covering cutting edge topics. The 178 exhibitors also had an opportunity to roll out for the members the latest equipment and services to help them perform jobs more efficiently. Due to the large number of student abstracts received, a student poster session was created to give the students the opportunity to present their research.

The success of this year's meeting is a result of the dedicated volunteers who work hard to advance the educational mission of this great association. I am continually impressed by the individuals who give so much, and am honored by their commitment to the organization.

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Upcoming NYWEA Meetings

Clarifier Performance & Flow Measurement

April 16, 2009, Bergen Point, Long Island, NY

April 17, 2009, IBM, Fishkill, NY

Aeration Systems for WWTPs:

Application, Design & Energy

April 28, 2009, Batavia, NY

May 28, 2009, Little Falls, NY

June 16, 2009, IBM, Fishkill, NY

Spring Technical Conference & Exhibition

June 1-3, 2009

The Thayer Hotel

West Point, NY

Watershed Science & Technical Conference

September 16-17, 2009

The Thayer Hotel

West Point, NY

82nd Annual Meeting

January 31-February 3, 2010

Marriott Marquis, NYC

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