

# The Point Source



A newsletter for the SEOWEA

Fall 2008

## President's Message

Labor day is past, the days are getting shorter, and the temperatures will soon start to drop. Fall is just around the corner. Hopefully everyone had a fun and relaxing summer and is recharged and ready to tackle the work at hand. I know the new SEOWEA Executive Committee is ready to get the 2008 - 2009 year underway. The SEOWEA executive committee has already met twice. They are determined to bring the section members a year of quality meetings and educational events.

Our first section meeting is coming up soon, October 9th, at the newly expanded Upper Olentangy Water Reclamation Facility (formally known as the Delaware WWTP). The flyer can be found in this Point Source. The fact this plant expansion was done as a design build project should make it a meeting worth making.

In the last Point Source I stated my goals for my term as president, improve communications within the section and emphasize the Young Professional program. Those are my goals for the section. Now I'm asking you, what are you looking for from your Southeast Section? The email addresses and phone numbers of the SE Executive Committee members can be found in this publication. If there is something you'd like to see, if there is something you think we could do to improve our section, let one of us know. To take it a step further, get involved. Join us to help us make our section the best it can be. Volunteer for one of our committees. You'll find it to be a rewarding experience.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Upper Olentangy Water Reclamation Facility.

**Paul Matrka**  
**SEOWEA President**

### Fairwood Avenue Training a Success

City of Columbus in conjunction with OWEA and OTCO held a free operator training day August 6, 2008 at the Division of Sewerage and Drainage, Sewer Maintenance Operations Center (SMOC) on Fairwood Avenue. Over 150 participants attended.

SMOC personnel offered a hamburger with two sides and a drink for \$6.00. Proceeds from the lunch went to the Division's Quality of Working Life Scholarship fund. Many thanks to all who participated especially Susan Wilson, Department of Public Utilities Training Coordinator, OTCO and OWEA for administering sign-ins, tracking contact hours, and providing speakers. At the rate this is going, we'll need a bigger venue next year!

## Upcoming Events

**Section Meeting –  
SEOWEA Section Meeting  
October 9, 2008  
Delaware WWTP  
Please see page 6 for  
more info**

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**SEOWEA Committee Chairpersons**

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Awards –               | Mike Frommer            |
| Collection System –    | Robert Ellinger         |
| Contact Hours -        | Mel Weaver              |
| Government Affairs –   | John Owen               |
| Industrial Waste –     | Brian Tornes            |
| Laboratory Analysis –  | Matt Ice                |
| Membership –           | Greg Otey               |
| Nominating –           | <i>Volunteer needed</i> |
| Personnel Education –  | Gary Hickman            |
| Plant Operations –     | Steve Elliott           |
| Pretreatment –         | Brian Coghlan           |
| Program –              | Paul Matrka             |
| Public Education –     | Bryan Curry             |
| Publications –         | Jennifer Emerick        |
| Residuals Management – | <i>Volunteer needed</i> |
| Safety and Health –    | Bryan Curry             |
| Watershed –            | Tyler Linton            |
| Young Professionals –  | Matt Boone              |
| Wastewater Operator -  | Gary Hickman            |

**Committee Updates**

**Collections Committee**

The Collections Committee completed the much anticipated **Best Practices Manual**. The manual is currently on sale for \$35.00. Contact Gary Hickman at (614) 645-3138 or [glhickman@columbus.gov](mailto:glhickman@columbus.gov) for additional information or to purchase.

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## Upcoming Meeting Information

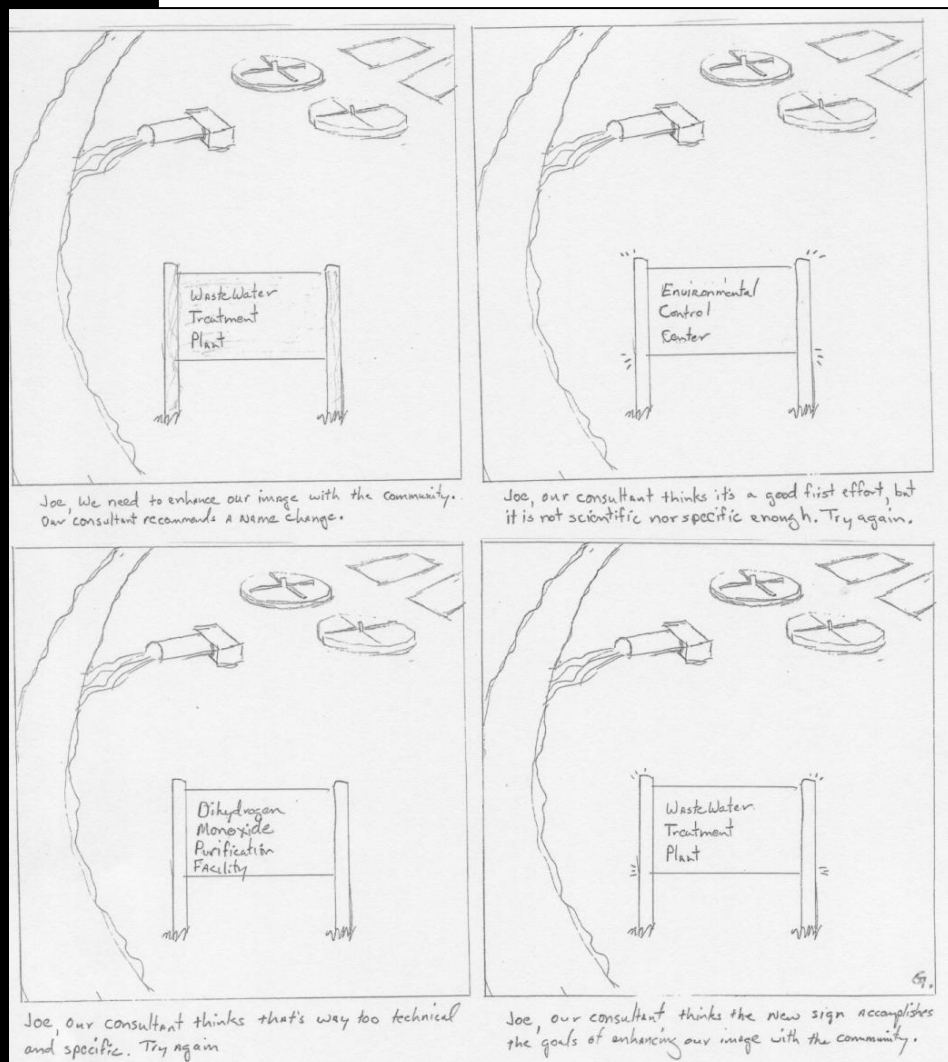
September 23-24, 2008	Plant Operations/Lab/Safety Workshop (Columbus)
September 25, 2008	SEOWEA Collections Committee Hands-on Workshop (Columbus)
October 10, 2008	SEOWEA Section Meeting (TBA)
October 18-22	WEF-TEC (Chicago)
October 19, 2008	OHIO Mixer (Chicago)
December 11, 2008	Biosolids Workshop (Columbus)
February 13, 2008	SEOWEA Section Meeting (TBA)
March 12, 2008	OWEA Government Affairs Workshop (Columbus)
April 10, 2008	SEOWEA Section Meeting (TBA)

Further information available:

OWEA: <http://www.ohiowea.org> OTCO: <http://www.ohiowater.org>

OEPA: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/opcert.html>

## Waste Matter



The following summary is being provided for license holders with certificates due to expire on December 31, 2008, and for those of you that attended SEOWEA technical sessions and tours during 2007 and 2008. All courses are Ohio EPA approved for wastewater, and listed on their website (under training providers) at:

<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/Documents/wastewater%20course%20list.pdf>

**Don't forget!! Operator Certifications issued in odd years need to submit contact hours for renewal prior to December 31st.**

### SE Section Contact Hour Listing 2006-2007

DATE	LOCATION	COURSE NAME	COURSE #	HOURS
2/8/07	Hebron	Tour of Safety-Kleen Systems: Industrial WW Pretreatment	OEPA-S443436-OM	1.0
2/8/07	Hebron	Tour of Momentive Performance Materials	OEPA-S443440-OM	1.0
2/8/07	Hebron	Developing Local Limits: Technical Justification of L.L.	OEPA-S292378-OM	0.5
2/8/07	Hebron	Industrial Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans/NPDES Permit	OEPA-S342-OM	0.5
2/8/07	Hebron	Case Study of Industrial Slug Load Impact on WW Treatment	OEPA-S412499-OM	0.5
4/12/07	Lancaster	Tour of Lancaster Water Pollution Control Facility	OEPA-S445524-X	1.0
4/12/07	Lancaster	Manhole Rehabilitation Demonstration	OEPA-S445527-OM	0.5
4/12/07	Lancaster	Lake and Allen Sewer Separation Project Site Tour	OEPA-S445531-X	0.75
4/12/07	Lancaster	Lake and Allen Sewer Separation Project Presentation	OEPA-S445534-OM	0.5
4/12/07	Lancaster	Integrating Stormwater and Water Pollution Programs	OEPA-S445537-OM	0.5
4/12/07	Lancaster	Practical Insights into I/I Removal (I/I Strategies for Small Communities)	OEPA-S445540-OM	0.75
4/12/07	Lancaster	Manhole Rehabilitation Presentation [Manhole Rehab Tech (Protective Coatings)]	OEPA-S394944-OM	0.5
5/2/07	City of Columbus	Confined Space Entry (Refresher) w/Demonstration	OEPA-B408062-X	2.5
5/2/07	City of Columbus	Slips, Trips & Falls	OEPA-B434493-X	1.5
5/2/07	City of Columbus	Tour of Sewer Maintenance Operation Center (SMOC)	OEPA-S447332-OM	0.75
5/2/07	City of Columbus	Current Status CSO/SSO/CMOM Programs	OEPA-S447332-OM	0.75
5/2/07	City of Columbus	Erosion and Sediment Control Techniques	OEPA-B447328-OM	0.75
5/2/07	City of Columbus	Trenching & Excavation (Shoring) Safety	OEPA-B292306-X	1.0
5/2/07	City of Columbus	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	OEPA-B261-X	0.5
11/7/07	City of Cambridge	Cambridge WWTP Tour	OEPA-S301181-X	1.0
11/7/07	City of Cambridge	Low Level Contaminants in Ohio Streams (USGS Field Methods for Passive Sampling Devices)	OEPA-S455467-OM	1.0
11/7/07	City of Cambridge	Emerging (Environmental) Contaminants (Microconstituents in WW Treatment)	OEPA-S422284-OM	0.75
11/7/07	City of Cambridge	Muskingum Watershed – "The Idea Holds Water"	OEPA-S455464-OM	0.5
2/14/08	City of Zanesville	Tour of Zanesville WWTP	OEPA-S463087-X	1.0
2/14/08	City of Zanesville	Zanesville WWTP Upgrades	OEPA-S463093-OM	0.75
2/14/08	City of Zanesville	Microwave Sludge Drying	OEPA-S463090-OM	0.75
2/14/08	City of Zanesville	Ohio EPA Pretreatment Topic ( Streamlining Rule & Hg PMP's)	OEPA-S463696-OM	1.0
3/19/08	Washington C.H.	Tour of Washington Court House WWTP	OEPA-S463872-X	0.75
3/19/08	Washington C.H.	Process Control for (Aerobic & Anaerobic) Digestion	OEPA-S463879-OM	1.0
3/19/08	Washington C.H.	Washington C.H. WWTP Upgrade (Wet Weather Treatment)	OWEA-S0165-OM	0.75
3/19/08	Washington C.H.	Muhororo Village Water Supply Project	OWEA-B00009-OM	0.75
5/22/08	New Philadelphia	Tour of New Philadelphia WWTP	OWEA-S00206-OM	1.0
5/22/08	New Philadelphia	Expansion of New Philadelphia WWTP	OWEA-S00207-OM	0.5
5/22/08	New Philadelphia	Overview of Second Generation ATAD	OWEA-S00208-OM	1.0
5/22/08	New Philadelphia	GIS Mapping of Sewer Collection Systems	OWEA-S00209-OM	0.5

## OWEA Delegate Report

### Many Thanks for Your Leadership and Guidance!

#### Michael A. Frommer, P.E., Southeast Section Delegate

As I begin to compose my very first delegate report for *The Point Source*, I am initially at a loss as to the direction and words to use. A side note: *For you that know me personally, a loss of this kind is a very rare occasion.* Just now it hits me that I should begin this report in the spirit of words spoken to me many times by my mother..... "Michael, always make sure that you remember to say thank you to those that have helped you".

That said I would like to start this report by thanking Dale Kocarek for his devoted guidance and leadership to the section over the last 4 years as delegate and 9 years as an executive committee officer. Dale has worn many hats for the section and has been a valuable resource to the executive committee. He has frequently played the role of historian, technical presenter, guidance/advice counselor, encyclopedia and walking calendar. For those of you that have not had the opportunity to work closely with Dale, he has the unique ability to perfectly recall dates of events. He frequently says during an EC meeting..... "We had the section meeting at the Columbus Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant on April twenty-third twenty-o-five". I can barely remember what I did last week and as he reads this article he is able to recite the correct date of this past section meeting.

I have personally had the opportunity to work Dale (during his tenure as a delegate) as an executive committee officer and we co-chaired the 2006 annual conference in Columbus. I have seen firsthand his tremendous contribution to our section. Please do the entire section a favor and thank Dale for everything that he has done for the Southeast Section over the last 13+ years!

Before you think that OWEA has suffered a great loss, good news! Dale has been nominated Vice President of the OWEA state executive committee and is chair of the Guidance Committee, which seems very fitting to me, given his past roles in our section. Dale will spend next year as President Elect and then in June 2010 will be passed the gavel at the annual conference in Columbus. Please mark it down on your calendar now as it will be a very proud day for the Southeast Section.

I am suddenly feeling that my size 10 feet are sliding into size 16 shoes and blisters are already forming. You are now probably wondering if I really do have size 10 shoes, which leads me in the next direction of my first report. I am going to provide you with some background information about myself so you can set your expectations for me as your delegate over the next 4 years.

I currently work for URS as a department manager in the Columbus Office and love my job. Hopefully, my bosses take note of that comment. I have worked in the water/wastewater field for over 13 years, spending 8 years in consulting and 5 years in the public sector working as the general manager for the Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District. Most people know that I am a registered professional engineer, but most do not know that I am also a dual Class 3 water and wastewater operator in the state of Ohio. I am an Ohio Northern University graduate in civil engineering, Go Polar Bears! My wife Jennifer (who is also an engineer in this field) and I live on the north side of Columbus with our two (2) boys Matthew (8) and Nicholas (5). When I am not working I am usually playing with or coaching our boys in various sports.

My official duties as your delegate began after this year's annual conference in Cleveland. As the newest member of the OWEA executive committee, I attended a retreat in late July and the Mega meeting in mid-august. I wish that I could give you a long, eloquent update on the current activities of OWEA and outlay our goals for this next year, but I can't. Instead I am going to give you a brief update on what I have been able to understand in such a short time and instead of continuing to write this report get busy getting caught up to speed!

#### Brief Update of OWEA News/Activities

- Judi Henrich was hired as the Executive Administrator in June 2008; she's great and please don't hesitate to call her if you need anything.
- Currently working on Bylaws and Constitution Revisions to be approved at upcoming annual conference.
- Online registration for future conferences both specialty and annual.
- Major [www.owea.org](http://www.owea.org) website upgrade

Please feel free to give me a call at 614-464-4500 or email me at [mike\\_frommer@urscorp.com](mailto:mike_frommer@urscorp.com) if you have any questions or comments.

## SEOWEA Section Meeting

**Thursday, October 9, 2008  
City of Delaware WWTP Tour & Technical Sessions**

**Location:** Five Star Events & Catering – Delaware, Ohio

**Morning Tour:** City of Delaware Wastewater Treatment Plant  
225 Cherry Street  
Delaware, OH 43015

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:00 - 11:30 am\* **TOUR OF City of Delaware WWTP – (Design / Build Method)**  
*\*Last tour will start no later than 10:30 am*
- 11:30 - 12:00 pm **Registration – Five Star Events & Catering**
- 12:00 - 01:15 pm **Luncheon & SEOWEA Business Meeting – Five Star Events & Catering**
- 1:30 - 3:30 pm **Technical Sessions**

**Delaware WWTP Expansion**

**Speakers:**  
Brad Stanton & Bill Hill,  
City of Delaware

**Watershed Management**

**Speaker:**  
John Carter,  
City of Columbus

**NPDES Compliance for Metals**

**Speaker:**  
Tyler Linton,  
Great Lakes Environ. Center

**COST:** **MEMBERS** ..... \$25/person  
**NON-MEMBERS** ..... \$35/person (includes Section membership)

**LOCATIONS:**

<p><b>City of Delaware WWTP</b> 225 Cherry Street Delaware, OH 43015 (740) 203-1900</p>	<p><b>Five Star Events &amp; Catering</b> 1502 West William Street (SR 36 West) Delaware, OH 43015 (740) 363-5005</p>
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**This program will be submitted to OPEA for 3.0 hours of continuing contact hours. To receive proper credit, attendees must attend the plant tour and all technical sessions.**

### RESERVATION FORM

Reservation Deadline: September 25, 2008  
Mail or Fax to: Greg Otey, URS, 277 W. Nationwide Blvd, Columbus, OH 43215 Fax: (614) 464-0588  
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**October 3, 2008**

**Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care  
Products in the Environment:  
What are the risks, *and* are actions needed?**

**9 AM - 4 PM**

**AM** - *Invited speakers*

**Keynote Speakers from the Pharmaceutical Industry,  
Government and Academia**

**PM** - *Student platform and poster presentations*

**Cash Awards for Best Student Presentations**

**Location: Indiana Memorial Union,  
Indiana University, Bloomington IN**

**Abstract Deadline: September 10,  
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## Southeast Section of the Ohio Water Environment Association Patron Program

Dear Friend:

You are invited to become a 2008 Patron of the Southeast Section of the Ohio Water Environment Association (SEOWEA). In 1993, the SEOWEA established a "Patron Program" to solicit donations for support of section activities. This program was put on hiatus for several years to pay down our balance that had increased to levels that threatened our tax-exempt status.

We are now ready to reinstate the Patron Program and are very excited by the prospects of what it can do. Below is a list of the activities that we have participated in the past along with ideas for the future.

- Continue to sponsor a free Friend and Family day for section members
- Expand our participation with workshops and conferences offered by other groups to increase our Section's visibility and attendance
- Provide prizes for the High School Science Fair projects throughout southeast Ohio
- Support national and state WEF activities such as the 5S Society and the Ohio Mixer at WEFTEC.
- Support the new SEOWEA Young Professional Travel Award to the State Conference
- Provide support to the Young Professionals committee to encourage young people to join our Section
- Offer scholarships similar to those offered by other Sections to encourage students entering water resources studies

As a member of the Patron Program, you will be supporting the mission of the SEOWEA in the exciting and expanded ways listed above. Patrons will also be recognized at SEOWEA events and will receive advertising space in our Section's publication, "The Point Source".

Note that the SEOWEA still intends to charge a "break-even" fee for all section meetings (currently \$25), however the Patron Program will also help us to meet our goal to keep the registration fees at the section meetings at a reasonable amount in order to encourage maximum participation of the membership at large.

On behalf of the SEOWEA membership and Executive Committee, I am asking for your support and cooperation of the Patron Program. To become a SEOWEA Patron, please fill out the enclosed SEOWEA Patron Program Form.

If you have any questions regarding the Patron Program or any other SEOWEA activities, please contact me at (614) 487-1040.

Sincerely,

Tyler Linton

SEOWEA Treasurer

2008 Patron Program Members

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## Southeast Section of the Ohio Water Environment Association 2008 Patron Program Form

To become a Southeast Section of the Ohio Water Environment Association (SEOWEA) Patron, please fill out the information requested below and return with your check made payable to: Southeast Section Ohio Water Environment Association.

***Principal Patrons (\$300 or more)***

***Patron Partners (\$200)***

***Associate Patrons (\$100)***

Patrons will be recognized at all SEOWEA events with names being posted on a sign. Recognition in the Point Source will be as follows:

**Principal Patrons** - receive a 3.5 inch x 5 inch advertisement space.

**Patron Partners** - receive a 3.5 inch x 2 inch advertisement space.

**Associate Patrons** - receive a listing of their name.

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DAY PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*PLEASE RESPOND BY OCTOBER 17, 2008

Return form to:

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*The Ohio Water Environment Association (OWEA) is a member of the Water Environment Federation (WEF). The OWEA is registered as not-for-profit with the Ohio Secretary of State (tax I.D. #31-0892817). The Southeast Section of the OWEA provides an opportunity to meet in a congenial atmosphere with many individuals engaged in a comprehensive cross-section of the water environment.*

## SEOWEA membership Bulletin

The Southeast Section has been updating our mailing list based on membership and address changes.

***Please make sure your membership is current with the State OWEA to continue receiving Southeast Section mailings.***

Also, if you know of any section members that have not received *The Point Source* newsletter, please contact Gary Hickman or Jennifer Emerick (contact information below).

The fall edition of *The Point Source* newsletter will be published in September. Contact Gary Hickman with any news or reports no later than August 31, 2008.

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