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The Rain Event

StormCon 2009 to offer a comprehensive education program

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The world's largest storm water pollution prevention conference—and all the industry professionals, technologies and education opportunities that come with it—returns to the West Coast this year. StormCon 2009, the North American Surface Water Quality Conference and Exposition, will be held Aug. 16 to 20 at the Anaheim Marriott in Anaheim, Calif.

Education & Certification

Make time at the event to sharpen your professional skills and learn from the experiences of peers. StormCon's educational program comprises six tracks:

- 1) Best Management Practice (BMP) Case Studies;
- 2) Low-Impact Development (LID);
- 3) Program Management;
- 4) Water Quality Monitoring;
- 5) Advanced Research Topics; and
- 6) Source Control.



Consider the following courses when planning your schedule:

Leveraging the Storm Water Program for Combined Sewer Control Compliance. Representing the city of Lancaster, Ohio, Denise Crews will share details regarding the benefits and savings her group discovered by integrating storm water and wastewater activities. Join in this presentation from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m. on Aug. 18.

Real-World Street Cleaner Pickup Performance Testing. Gauge the effectiveness of four different street sweeper models based on six pickup-efficiency tests. Roger Sutherland of Pacific Water Resources heads this Aug. 18 meeting from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m.

How to Plan for and Design Your Storm Water Billing System. AMEC Earth and Environmental's Carrie McCrea will lead a discussion of the storm water utility concept, various fee options and billing database design. This session takes place Aug. 19 from 9 to 9:30 a.m.

Chemical Treatment of Storm Water: 20 Years of Advancement. From 8:30 to 9 a.m. on Aug. 20, Jeff Herr of Brown and Caldwell will present on chemical storm water treatment—its uses, efficiencies, costs and more.

Further enhance your industry know-how; sign up for pre-conference professional accreditation training modules, review courses and examinations. Opportunities to prepare for and take the Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality, Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control and Certified Inspector of Sediment and Erosion Control tests will be made available Aug. 16 and 17.

Special Events

Scheduled for the morning of Aug. 19, an interactive panel discussion of BMPs and LID in highway environments presents an excellent opportunity for learning more about today's storm water management and treatment options. To ensure they leave Anaheim with the regulatory information needed to keep compliant, StormCon attendees can also participate in a Q&A session with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency representatives the morning of Aug. 20.

More than 150 vendors will showcase their latest and greatest developments during the event's exhibit hall hours. Between perusing the show floor and attending education programs, check out environmentalist Terry Tamminen's keynote speech, the opening gala reception and StormCon's infamous luncheons for more networking and fun. [SWS]

For more event information and to register, visit www.stormcon.com.

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