

Kentucky Rural Water Association

Helping water and wastewater utilities help themselves

August 4, 2006

Ms. Beth O'Donnell, Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602

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Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Case No. 2006-00376

Kentucky Rural Water Association will host its 27th Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition, "A Path to Excellence," at the Executive Inn Rivermont in Owensboro, Kentucky on August 21-23, 2006. We request that this training be approved for commissioners as referenced in the new law, (HB-75) KRS 74.020.

Please find enclosed a timed agenda, a description of each session, and speaker bios. The following two items are herein referenced with this application:

- 1) Copies of written materials given to commissioners during the conference will be collected and forwarded to the PSC after the conference;
- 2) Approval for continuing education credit for Drinking Water and Wastewater Operators has been received from the Kentucky Board of Certification of Water Treatment and Distribution System Operators and the Kentucky Board of Certification of Wastewater System Operators. A copy of their letter is included

If additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to call.

With this letter and enclosures, Kentucky Rural Water Association requests the approval of a total of twelve (12) hours for commissioner/board member training.

Sincerely,

Clem Wethington

Clem Wethington
Education Director

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Enclosures



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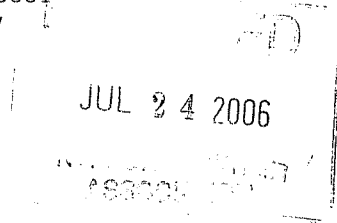
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April 21, 2006



Janet Cole
Kentucky Rural Water Assoc.
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Dear Ms. Cole,

At the July 2006 meetings of the Kentucky Boards of Certification of Wastewater and Water Treatment and Water Distribution your training request was reviewed. The hours were approved as listed below.

<u>Course Title and Date</u>	<u>Hours and Type</u>	<u>DCA Event ID #</u>
27 th Annual Technical Conference & Exhibition (8/21/06 -8/23/06)	12 hours drinking water and 11 hours wastewater non-process and 1 hours waster process	4336 – drinking water 4336 – wastewater non-process 4337 - wastewater process

Within thirty days of completion of the course please forward a list of attendees to this office. Include their appropriate wastewater or water treatment and/or water distribution license number and the hours earned by each. When forwarding this information, please reference the DCA event ID number provided above.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Division of Compliance Assistance, Operator Certification at (502) 564-0323 or (800) 926-8111.

Sincerely,

Lisa Butler
Operator Certification
Division of Compliance Assistance

TRAINING SUMMARY
Kentucky Rural Water Association's
27th Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition – “A Path to Excellence”
August 21-23, 2006
Executive Ina Rivermont
Owensboro, Kentucky

This three-day Annual Conference will be directed toward the operators, managers, office personnel, and decision-makers of water and wastewater utilities throughout Kentucky. The theme of our 2006 Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition is “*A Path to Excellence.*” Our training objective for this conference is to ensure that water and wastewater professionals are prepared to successfully face the challenges required for safe drinking water and properly treated wastewater. By relying on the expertise of peers, technical assistance providers, industry professionals, and governmental agencies, we hope to increase the knowledge and professionalism of those in the water and wastewater industry so they will stay on the path to excellence.

Day One – Monday, August 21, 2006

	8:30 A.M.-4:20 P.M.	WATER/WASTEWATER COMBINED TRAINING
Topic #1	8:30-9:30 A.M.	<p><i>“Laboratory Procedures for Water & Wastewater Systems”</i> Syd Tate (McCoy & McCoy Labs, Inc.) Information on sampling procedures, monitoring requirements, techniques and procedures for proper analysis of samples for compliance purposes and for process control. Other items for discussion are as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The role of the operator, the certified contract laboratory, and the regulatory authority. 2. Preservation of samples. 3. Sampling frequency. 4. Records and reports.
Topic #2	9:40-10:40 A.M.	<p><i>“Coatings to Combat Corrosion in Water and Wastewater Facilities”</i> Dan Corum and Paul Tanski, PPG High Performance Coatings Explains how coatings can protect equipment and structures in water distribution systems, wastewater collection systems, and treatment facilities. Items to be discussed include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Corrosion characteristics 2. Types of coatings 3. Surface preparation 4. Proper coating application
Topic #3	10:50-11:50 P.M.	<p><i>“Polyethylene Pipe in Water and Wastewater Systems”</i> Rick Hart, Isco Industries, Inc. Focuses on the use of High Density Polyethylene Pipe (HDPE) in water and sewer systems. The presentation will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Properties of HDPE pipe 2. Butt fusion and tapping of HDPE pipe for water and sewer systems 3. Repairing damages from third parties 4. Trenchless installations of HDPE pipe
	11:50 A.M.-1:00 P.M.	Lunch On Your Own
Topic #4	1:00-2:00 P.M.	<p><i>“Loctite – Protecting and Maintaining Equipment”</i> Craig Morgan, Loctite, Inc Explains how the Loctite Company products can be used to protect and assure proper operation of equipment and components in water and wastewater systems. The presentation will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chemistry makeup of Loctite products 2. Controlling corrosion and vibration 3. Protecting equipment from thermal cycling 4. Pipe connections and thread sealing
Topic #5	2:10-3:10 P.M.	<p><i>“Rural Development – Contracts and Funding”</i> Vernon Brown, USDA Rural Development This session will address the role of the water or wastewater system, the engineers, and Rural Development during the funding application, development of specifications, and approval processes. Items discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project description and funding application 2. Developing specifications – realistic project design 3. Permits, easements, and service agreements 4. Approval processes – local boards, regulatory agencies, Rural Development

Topic #6 3:20-4:20 P.M.

“Do’s and Don’ts of Treatment Plant Design and Construction”

Scott Wallace, Infrastructure Systems, Inc.

This session will focus on water and wastewater design and construction issues. The presentation will include:

1. The role of operators in design and construction
2. Preparing plans and specifications
3. Avoiding change orders
4. Inspections during and after construction

Day Two – Tuesday, August 22, 2006

1:30-4:45 P.M.

GENERAL SESSION

“A Path to Excellence”

Part I

1:30-2:30 P.M.

“Responding to Emergencies”

Gary Williams, Florida Rural Water Association

This session will review the actions taken by various local, state, and federal agencies as they responded to emergencies after natural disasters. Gary Williams will explain the role of each group and how they did or did not work together. He will also provide information on what water and wastewater systems should do prior to emergency situations. Topics that will be discussed include:

1. Types of natural disasters that affect water/wastewater systems
2. Case studies of hurricane damaged facilities
3. FEMA and other emergency responders
4. Establishing local, regional, and state emergency preparedness plans

Part II

2:40-3:40

“Capacity Development”

Donna Marlin, Kentucky Division of Water

This session will examine the ways that a water system or wastewater system can optimize their operations to become more efficient. As regulations change and communities expand the demand on the utility services increase tremendously and require modifications to operations, budgets, and policies. This session will address some of the issues that utilities need to explore to maintain “capacity”. Topics that will be discussed include:

1. Stakeholders
2. Existing Data Reviews / New System Reviews
3. Sanctions / Budgets / Agreed Orders
4. Inspections / Sanitary Surveys
5. Operator Certification Issues

Part III

3:50-4:50 P.M.

“Kentucky’s River Basins – Water in / Water out”

Peter Goodmann, Kentucky Division of Water

This session will demonstrate the efforts being made to protect the water quality of the river basins and watersheds of Kentucky. Peter Goodmann will address some of the requirements of the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. He will explain how treatment techniques and costs are affected by others actions or inactions. Topics of discussion include:

1. Source water protection – groundwater and surface water
2. Untreated wastewater vs. treated potable water
3. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)
4. Spills, urban storm water runoff, and agricultural activities
5. Public awareness and involvement

Day Three – Wednesday, August 23, 2006

8:30-11:50 A.M.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Topic #1

8:30-9:30 A.M.

Drinking Water Professionals

“Controlling Water Loss – Case History”

C.K. Hanks, East Logan Water District

Jeff Merman, Automatic Controls Company, Inc.

Water loss has always been a chronic problem for water systems. With the increased cost of water production it is necessary now more than ever before to reduce the amount of water being lost and to develop more efficient methods of water accountability. This session demonstrates the “path to excellence” by a water district to address water loss. This presentation includes:

1. Water loss equals revenue loss
2. Developing an action plan
3. Sub-dividing a large distribution system
4. Sub-system meters, monitor meters, and other devices
5. On-going efforts

Topic #2 9:40-10:40 A.M.

“Increased Sampling / Increased Cost”

Julie Roney, Kentucky Division of Water

The Stage 2 Disinfectant and Disinfection Byproducts Rule (Stage 2 DBPR) and the Long Term 2 Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2) will have a major impact on water systems. Stage 2 DBPR requires that an Initial Distribution System Evaluation (IDSE) be conducted to identify locations with potentially high concentrations of trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAA5s). LT2 will require surface water systems to conduct costly testing for Cryptosporidium. This session explains the basics of these regulatory requirements and the financial impacts on the water systems.

1. Background of Stage 2 DBPR and Long Term 2 SWTR
2. Compliance deadlines
3. Evaluation process / contract lab agreements
4. Distribution system and/or treatment modifications
5. Potential financial impact

Topic #3 10:50-11:50 A.M.

“Peer Review”

Barry Back, Kentucky Rural Water Association

The Peer Review Program has helped many water systems to “fine tune” their operations. This confidential process allows water system personnel to learn from each other by sharing techniques and experiences as they continue on their path to excellence. This session explains how the program works and how individuals can become involved.

Include in the presentation:

1. Peer Review Program basics
2. Neighbor helping neighbor concept
3. Self Evaluations / Group Evaluations
4. Goals of the program

Topic #1 8:30-9:30 A.M.

Wastewater Professionals

“Controlling Infiltration / Sewer Inspection Equipment”

Stu Gossett, Aries Industries, Inc.

The “path to excellence” of our communities depends on reliable infrastructure systems. Continual inspection, maintenance, and upgrades of the buried pipes that provide our communities with sewage removal are necessary actions to stay on the right path. This session provides information about equipment and techniques used to accomplish these tasks. Topics of discussion include:

1. Infiltration – where is it coming from
2. Types of sewer pipe and common problems with each
3. Cameras and other sewer inspection equipment
4. Rehabilitation and/or replacement of pipes

Topic #2 9:40-10:40 A.M.

“Pride – Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment”

Richard Thomas, Pride

The PRIDE initiative was launched in 1997 by Congressman Hal Rogers and the late General James Bickford, the former Secretary of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet. Their vision was to restore the natural beauty of their native region by encouraging citizens to take responsibility for protecting their environment and by providing the education and resources they need to do so. The PRIDE initiative is making tremendous progress in cleaning up the two most significant pollution problems in southern and eastern Kentucky – illegal trash dumps and inadequate wastewater treatment. With personal responsibility and regional cooperation, these problems are being solved. This presentation includes:

1. Goals of PRIDE
2. Addressing the wastewater issue
3. The PRIDE/KRWA partnership
4. Environmental awareness and public education

Topic #3 10:50 - 11:50 A.M. ***“CMOM- Capacity Management Operation Maintenance”***
Steve Capps, Kentucky Rural Water Association
This training session will provide attendees with a basic understanding of the requirements of Capacity Management Operation Maintenance (CMOM) program. There is much talk at this time from EPA on how to encourage wastewater systems to implement this program on a voluntary basis. Such measures would help ease the burden of the sanitary sewer overflows that the wastewater systems experience from inflow/infiltration. The areas for discussion in this presentation will include:

1. Conducting inspections of wastewater collection systems
2. Continual annual inspections
3. Record keeping
4. Initial and follow-up training
5. Funding sources for implementing this program

Office/Administrative Professionals

Topic #1 8:30 – 9:30 A.M. ***“Credit Card Payments and Identify Theft”***
Robert Mohon, The Neil Group
In today’s society the use of credit cards and debit cards have become common practice. In most cases this has improved the efficiency of the water and wastewater office in collecting payments. Setting up a process where customers can use automatic or on-site payments with these cards has helped reduce the number of delinquent accounts and improved the customer relations. However, there are some concerns that must be addressed when this type of payment option is established. This session provides instruction on establishing a credit card payment policy and identity theft. Items to be discussed include:

1. Establishing a credit card payment policy
2. Credit cards vs. debit cards
3. Customer confidentiality
4. Guarding against identity theft

Topic #2 9:40 – 11:50 A.M. ***“Records Retention and Record Management”***
Trace Kirkwood, Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives
Record keeping has become a major issue. Water and wastewater systems must comply with various agency requirements as well as maintain information on routine operations. This session provides instruction on how to establish and maintain good record keeping procedures.

1. Types of records -- compliance vs. good management practices
2. Establishing a record retention plan
3. Managing all the information
4. How long must records be retained
5. Paper vs. electronic

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION TRAINING HOURS

Combined Water & Wastewater Training	(8-21-06)	6
General Session	(8-22-06)	3
Concurrent Sessions	(8-23-06)	3
TOTAL HOURS REQUESTED		12

Kentucky Rural Water Association requests the approval of twelve (12) training hours for commissioner/board member training for the programs indicated above.

SYD TATE

Syd Tate is the Field Services Corporate Manager for McCoy & McCoy Laboratories, Inc. He is responsible for all water services, including sampling, sample pickup, and project coordination with an emphasis on efficiency and control.

Education

B.S., Environmental Resources with emphasis on Wildlife Management and Aquatic Biology, Eastern Kentucky University, 1977

Professional Experience

Corporate Manager, Field Services, McCoy & McCoy Laboratories, Inc.
1991-Present

Responsibilities include management and scheduling of all water services, including sampling, sample pickup, and project coordination with an emphasis on efficiency and quality assurance/quality control.

Senior Environmental Technician, McCoy & McCoy Laboratories, Inc.
1990-1991

Responsibilities include sampling mining permit streams to assure regulatory compliance and sampling commercial/industrial monitoring wells.

Environmental Scientist II/Water Monitoring Technician, Peabody Coal Company
1982-1990

Managed installation of groundwater monitoring wells, including sampling, recording quality and quantity data, and monitoring quarterly data. Sampled receiving streams in observance of state regulations and reported groundwater and receiving stream data to state agencies. Completed groundwater user inventory for proposed mining areas. Participated in fish and wildlife enhancement projects.

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Rick Hart, Sales Representative

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Rick Hart is a graduate of Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.. He worked on high pressure pipe lines while attending school and started his career working in the Phillips Petroleum refinery just south of Houston, Texas making ethylene. This is the feed stock that is used to make HDPE pipe. Following a brief tour of the refinery he transferred into Phillips Driscopipe division selling gas pipe on the east coast. He then was moved into the industrial market for Driscopipe selling large diameter pipe in the midwest and northeast. After 13 years in the pipe division Rick moved into the resin division of Phillips and sold HDPE resin to extruders and molders. After 3 years he left Phillips Chemical Co. and began selling HDPE fittings for Central Plastic, a large molder of polyethylene fittings, covering the Midwest. Having accumulated 27 years in the HDPE pipe industry, Rick is currently the area sales manager for ISCO Industries where he is responsible for Kentucky and the western half of West Virginia.

Craig Morgan

Craig Morgan Adhesives & Sealants Specialist

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Craig Morgan has an extensive mechanical background that makes him uniquely qualified to teach Henkel Loctite® Maintenance Repair Adhesives and Sealants.

Craig started his career onboard ship in the Navy in Ship Fitting and Damage Control. Following his time in the service, he built special equipment for a company that cut insulation for GE Appliance Park in Louisville, Kentucky. After studying to be a Machinist, he eventually ran an internal company with a five-man shop. Upon leaving there, Craig helped in the up-start of a veneer manufacturing company where he oversaw a four-man maintenance crew and was in charge of purchasing. From there, Mr. Morgan came to Loctite® as an MRO Trainer. He has been a trainer for Loctite for 19 years in maintenance related products and technology.

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VERNON BROWN
Community Programs Director
Kentucky USDA Rural Development

Rural Development is the primary federal provider of assistance to rural areas. Their mission is to promote sustainable rural communities and to assist the residents of those communities improve their quality of life.

The Office of Community Development administers rural community development programs within USDA Rural Development. Each program and initiative promotes self-sustaining, long-term economic and community development in rural areas. The programs demonstrate how every rural community can achieve self-sufficiency through innovative and comprehensive strategic plans developed and implemented at a grassroots level. The programs stress continued local involvement and decision making which is supported by partnerships among private, public and nonprofit entities.

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Scott Wallace
Project Manager

Scott Wallace is currently employed at Infrastructure Systems, Inc. where he is a Project Manager. Mr. Wallace oversees the construction of water and sewer plants, wastewater collection and water distribution systems, and various other utility related projects. Over the past four years he has had numerous utility projects in Indiana, Kentucky, Georgia, and Ohio.

Before joining Infrastructure Systems in October, 2005, Scott worked for Reynolds, Inc. (June 2002-Oct. 2005) in the positions of sales representative and project manager. From September, 1998 to June, 2002, Scott worked for Kentucky Rural Water Association as the WKU Small System Circuit Rider. He also served seven years in the United States Air Force at McChord AFB in Washington as a C141B Operations Manager & Maintenance Crew Chief. He was the recipient of many meritorious awards and medals during his stay in the Air Force and he also qualified as a Persian Gulf War Era Veteran.

Scott earned his credits toward an Associate of Science Degree from Pierce College in Tacoma, Washington while in the service and successfully completed the one-year course in Water Treatment Plant Operations from the California State University School of Engineering in Sacramento, California.

Gary Williams
Executive Director
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Gary Williams is a graduate of Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Finance.

Mr. Williams was the Program Manager for Iowa Rural Water Association from 1982 until 1989. In 1989, he relocated to Florida to take the position as Program Administrator for the Florida Rural Water Association (FRWA). Mr. Williams has been the Executive Director of the Florida Rural Water Association since 1991. The American Society of Association Executives recognized Mr. Williams as a Certified Association Executive in June 2004. In 2005, Gary Williams was awarded the National Rural Water Association Executive Director of the year.

Mr. Williams is recognized by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) as a preeminent authority with drinking water/wastewater operational issues. He is also a lead player for the State Emergency Response Team, coordinating and restoring water and wastewater services following hurricanes. He was also instrumental in establishing the FLAWARN, which is the Florida Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network. Gary also authored many of the Best Management Practices documents and is the Vice-Chair of the organization. As the Executive Director of the Florida Rural Water Association, Gary also oversees the organization as one of only five certified training agencies for the FDEP for all water and wastewater operators' continuing education units in the state. In 2005, under his leadership, FRWA successfully trained over 3,600 systems operator in more than 100 training sessions. For instance, the training in Vulnerability Assessment/Emergency Response alone trained over 1200 systems.

Donna S. Marlin, Drinking Water Branch Manager

Department for Environmental Protection
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14 Reilly Road
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Current Position:

Manager, Drinking Water Branch, Division of Water

Previous Positions within Department for Environmental Protection:

Environmental Engineer Assistant, Drinking Water Branch
Co-op Engineer, Facilities Construction Branch
Office Supervisor, Enforcement Branch, Certification Section

Education:

B. S. in civil engineering, 1995
University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky

Peter Goodman, Groundwater Branch Manager

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The mission of the Groundwater Branch is to establish and implement a comprehensive groundwater program that manages, enhances and protects the groundwater resources of the commonwealth for present and future generations through regulation technical assistance and collection of resource information.

Charles K. (C. K.) Hanks
Manager
East Logan Water District
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C. K. Hanks has served as Manager of the East Logan Water District for many years. Under his direction he has improved the quality of service and water to the district. East Logan Water District has made great strides in customer relations and service to the community. Working in conjunction with Jeff Merman of Automatic Controls, Mr. Hanks, a certified water operator, has addressed the problem of water loss for his district and developed more efficient methods of water accountability.

JEFF MERMAN, President, Automatic Controls Co.

- 28 years experience selling industrial instrumentation and controls in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- 21 years with Automatic Controls Co.
- Prior speaker at various ISA Conferences, TAPPI & other Water & Waste Water Training Classes.
- 25 Year Member of ISA.
- Other memberships: Kentucky Rural Water Assn., The Vibration Institute, and agency member of MANA.

Jeff Merman

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Education: Bachelors of General Studies (developed my own curriculum with emphasis in Environmental Sciences)
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
December 1979 (with High Distinction)

Bachelors of Science in Biology
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
December 1990 (with High Distinction & Departmental Honors)

Masters in Biology
Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY

Experience: 21+ years in the environmental field

Drinking Water Branch/Division of Water
February, 1999 to Present

Kentucky-American Water Company, Lexington, KY
Director of Water Quality
September 1987 to January 1999

Commonwealth Technology, Inc., Lexington, KY
Water/Biology Lab Supervisor
March 1980 to September 1987

BIOGRAPHY

BARRY R. BACK

Barry Back has thirty years of experience in the water industry which includes twenty-four years with the Kentucky Rural Water Association. Before joining the Kentucky Rural Water Association staff in March of 1982, he worked as a Class IV water treatment plant operator in the cities of Hopkinsville, KY, and Bowling Green, KY. He is a licensed operator in both water treatment and distribution, Class IV A and Class IV D respectively. This is the maximum obtainable classification for water system operators in Kentucky.

Barry was Circuit Rider for five years before accepting the position of Program Manager (now termed Program Specialist). He received the "Program Manager of the Year" award from National Rural Water Association in 1990. After seven years as Program Manager he held the position of "State" Circuit Rider for four years. In August 2000, he returned to his current position of NRWA Circuit Rider. Barry is also a coordinator of the Kentucky Small Drinking Water System Peer Review Program and advisor to other KRWA field staff.

Barry has a Bachelors of Science Degree from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY, in General Agriculture with a Minor in Business Administration.

Barry has served in the U.S. Army with the 82nd Airborne Division. He and his wife, Cathy, reside in Russell County, KY and own a small farm. They have a son and daughter and four grandchildren. He participates in church activities as a Sunday School teacher at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

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Before coming to ARIES, Mr. Gossett worked for Georgia Rural Water Association, in charge of sewer camera projects.



PERSONAL **R**ESPONSIBILITY IN A **D**ESIRABLE **E**NVIRONMENT

Richard Thomas is the Executive Director of PRIDE which serves 38 counties in southern and eastern Kentucky. The PRIDE initiative was launched in 1997 by Congressman Hal Rogers and the late General James Bickford. Their vision was to restore the natural beauty of their native region by encouraging citizens to take responsibility for protecting their environment and by providing the resources they need to accomplish this goal.

PRIDE unites volunteers with the resources of federal, state and local governments in order to clean the region's waterways, end illegal trash dumps and promote environmental awareness and education, while renewing pride in the region.

Mr. Thomas joined PRIDE in April, 2003 as chief operating officer and incoming executive director. He came to PRIDE after serving 5 ½ years as a principal assistant to the late Secretary Jim Bickford, working on his Open Dump Initiative and serving as the cabinet's representative on the PRIDE Executive Committee.

Prior to his time with the cabinet, Mr. Thomas served 26 ½ years in the U.S. Army.

BIOGRAPHY

Stephen L. Capps

Steve Capps came to Kentucky Rural Water Association in 1994 from the City of Burkesville, Kentucky where he had served as Director of Public Works for twelve (12) years. He also had experience as the Water Treatment Plant Operator and also the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator for six (6) years. He is currently certified in water treatment, wastewater treatment and holds a certificate as a water distribution system operator.

Mr. Capps served as the Wastewater Technician for the Kentucky Rural Water Association from June 1994 to June 1999. His primary duties as Wastewater Technician were to provide technical assistance and hands-on training to rural wastewater utility personnel throughout Kentucky.

Mr. Capps' position with the Kentucky Rural Water Association from June 1999 to the present is that of Wastewater Trainer/Technician. In that capacity he provides on-site technical assistance and training to small rural municipal wastewater treatment systems and rural systems in unincorporated areas.

Steve, a native of Cumberland County resides just outside of Burkesville, Kentucky with his wife Rebecca. His son, Bart and his wife, Tonia, also reside in Cumberland County. He enjoys fishing, woodworking, and refinishing furniture.

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Robert Mohon
Principal, The Neil Group LLC

Robert Mohon's responsibilities at The Neil Group include sales and marketing. In 1995, Robert began his career in the credit card processing industry and set up one of the very first websites to accept online credit card payments. With a degree in Marketing from Auburn University, Robert has helped grow the client base of the company through sales process development, CRM, and client support improvements. As an Eagle Scout, Robert supports various community and civic groups and is an Ambassador of the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce, a Board Member of the Nashville Investors Group, and past member of the Minds in Motion Advisory Board and Nashville Business Breakfast Club.

The Neil Group LLC is a nationwide point-of-sale equipment and financial service company, with years of experience specializing in payment transaction solutions for small-to-medium-sized businesses. They offer the equipment, software and supplies to accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, Diners Club, electronic checks, and check/debit cards. With a team of experienced professionals in several sites across the United States, they are available to serve as your business partner for payment processing.

The Neil Group is a proud member of several community organizations, including the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce and the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts.

Trace Kirkwood
West Kentucky Regional Administrator
Local Records Program
Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

Mr. Trace Kirkwood is the West Kentucky Regional Administrator for the Local Records Program of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. He has held this position since September, 2002.

From 1991 to 1998 Mr. Kirkwood worked for the Filson Historical Society in Louisville as the Assistant Curator. After leaving the Historical Society, he spent four years working as a consultant for Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc. out of Lexington. As the Chief Research Historian, Trace tackled archeological and historic preservation issues as they related to Section 106 of the American Historic Preservation Act.

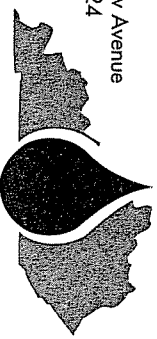
Trace Kirkwood received his B.A. from Western Kentucky University in 1988 and then pursued his M.A. which he also earned from WKU in 1990. When he's not traveling, he is a supporter of WKU basketball, football, and baseball. Trace resides in Bowling Green, Kentucky with his wife and two children.



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