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Robert A. L’Ecuyer

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Submitted by Russell G. Slayback

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TODAY IN WASHINGTON
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CALENDAR
Mere words fail to express the beauty of the New England countryside in October. Your car comes over a rise and your view becomes a sunlit valley with a riotous display of nature's colors - orange, red, yellow, purple, brown, green and all the shades in between. Each turn in the road offers a new breathtaking sight of nature's splendid paintbrush. Traditional white church spires and colonial houses complete the classic scenery.

Springfield lies in the heart of New England, on the banks of the majestic Connecticut River. Like all northeastern cities, it is old and shows its scars, but is undergoing a refreshing renewal. The center city features stone courthouses and other government buildings, several museums, two fine hotels connected by a skywalk, strong shopping and an excellent selection of restaurants. A short walk reaches the Basketball Hall of Fame honoring amateur, collegiate and professional stars of the game Dr. Naismith invented at Springfield College.

Springfield is also close to the geographic center of the Northeast Section of AIPG, host of the 30th Annual Meeting of the Institute. It is away from the hustle of New York and Boston and is in close proximity to the farmlands, woods and small towns that people from outside the northeast don't realize still exists - a beautiful and charming part of our great country.
30TH ANNUAL MEETING

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
OCTOBER 12-16, 1993

GEOLOGISTS IN A STRAINED ECONOMY

Geology, as Michael Halbouty has written, is a cyclical business. Mike was largely referring to the resource exploration and extraction end of our profession, the recurrent boom and bust cycles that have plagued mining and oil-and-gas geologists, disrupting their careers and often leading them to change their professional focus and their home locations.

Geologists in the hydrologic and environmental consulting fields, as well as institutional and academic geologists, have traditionally been insulated from the full impact of such cycles that have resulted from the national economic trends, tax policies or price fluctuations in specific markets.

Consultants in the hydrogeologic and environmental fields experienced their first boom cycle starting in the late 1970s and flourishing in the 1980s. The impetus was media attention and public concern about environmental degradation which led to a huge outpouring of Federal and state legislation and administrative regulations that now affect all of our lives, and have changed how America does business. Environmental consulting firms experienced unprecedented growth, and small start-up operations had no trouble becoming profitable immediately.

In the early 90s, a national recession, corporate resistance to never-ending site investigations, and the impacts of accumulating costs for environmental clean-up have stalled the boom and sent it into reverse gear. State geologic surveys are meeting legislative resistance to their budgets, and grants for scientific research are shrinking. With domestic oil and gas in full retreat and the mining exploration business stalled awaiting the anticipated passage of a new mining law, it is beginning to look like employment in all major fields of geology may suffer as the 1990s unfold.

Thus our program theme: 'Geologists in a Strained Economy'; it sounded appropriate when we had to coin it more than a year ago, and recent events have reinforced its importance.
Special Short Course

8-HOUR REFRESHER
HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING COURSE

Tuesday, October 12 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This special training course will be geared toward the geoscientist who observes, inspects or supervises investigations or remediations at hazardous waste sites. Topics include drill rig safety, excavation safety and general field safety and will meet the annual O.S.H.A. requirements under 29CFR1910.120(e)(8).

GENERAL CONTENT

I. REGULATION UPDATE
   What's new or revised
   Compliance problems

II. SITE HAZARDS
    Hazard recognition
    Risk vs. hazard
    Working around heavy equipment

III. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
     Supplied air respirators
     Air-purifying respirators
     Protective clothing
     Levels of protection

IV. INSTRUMENTATION
    What's new
    What works
    Innovative Uses

V. CONTINGENCY PLANNING
   Site safety
   Medical surveillance
   Heat and cold stress

VI. CASE HISTORIES
    Problems
    Discussion

Cost: $125/person, including a buffet lunch, and coffee/danish and soda breaks.

Registration for the 8-hour Refresher Course does not require registration for the AIPG Annual Meeting; Registrants for the Annual Meeting may deduct $20 from the cost of the Refresher Course.

INSTRUCTOR:
Steven P. Maslansky, CPG

Steve Maslansky has 22 years experience in hazardous materials emergency, investigatory and remedial response, and holds certifications in safety, hazardous materials and geology. Mr. Maslansky, as a Principal of GeoEnvironmental Consultants, Inc., has coordinated and instructed training programs for the USEPA, Department of Defense, NGWA and for numerous professional and trade associations, major consulting firms, corporations and fire departments throughout the country. He holds a B.S. in Geology, an MA in Environmental Studies and a M.S.C.E. in Geotechnical Engineering. He is a member of a number of Federal hazardous materials advisory committees, a New York State certified fire instructor for hazardous materials, Deputy Fire Coordinator for Hazardous Materials for Westchester County, New York, and Chief of Operations for the Westchester County Hazardous Materials Response Team. A Reserve Lieutenant Colonel with the Army Corps of Engineers, Mr. Maslansky acted as program manager and senior instructor for the Corps' Superfund-Defense Environmental Restoration Program, and presently advises the Former Defense Site Program. He has authored numerous articles and book chapters on hazardous materials subjects, and is coauthor of the text Air Monitoring Instrumentation.
PROGRAM - 30TH AIPG ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  1993 Executive Committee Meeting
(Closed Executive Session 8:00 to ± 9:00 a.m.; AIPG Section
Presidents and Members welcome to attend after Executive Session)
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  8-Hour OSHA Health & Safety Annual Refresher Training Course
Noon - 5:00 p.m.  Registration
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Exhibits Setup
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Cocktails; Exhibits Open
6:30 p.m.  Free for Dinner

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Registration
8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.  1993 Advisory Board Meeting (Continental Breakfast)
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Trip No. 1 - Berkshire Mountains, Foliage/Clark Art Museum
9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.  General Session - Welcome & Keynote
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  Coffee Break
10:30 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.  General Session - Theme Introduction
11:40 a.m. - Noon  Attitude Adjustment
Noon - 1:30 p.m.  Annual Awards Luncheon
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  General Session - Technical Program, Introduction to Northeast
Geology and Natural Resources Development and Exploration
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  Short Course for State Section Officers
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  Icebreaker Cocktail Party; Exhibits & Poster Session
7:00 p.m.  Free for Dinner

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Registration
8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.  1994 Advisory Board Meeting (Continental Breakfast)
8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.  AIPG Foundation Board of Trustees Breakfast Meeting
8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  General Session - Consultants Workshop
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Trip No. 2 - Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Facility
11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  Free for lunch
1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.  General Session - Consultants Workshop
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Cocktails; Exhibits & Poster Session
6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.  Annual Banquet/Guest Speaker/Dancing to Live Band

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Registration
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  Past Presidents' Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  General Session - Budget Problems of State Geological Surveys
10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.  Executive Committee Wrap-Up Session
11:45 a.m. - Noon  Attitude Adjustment
Noon - 2:30 p.m.  Annual Business Meeting Luncheon
Afternoon  Trip No. 3 - Springfield Museum Walk
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  Bull Session - The Future of AIPG/Bouquets & Brickbats;
Panel of AIPG Officers
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Cocktails
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  Exhibits Breakdown
6:30 p.m.  Free for Dinner or AIPG Group Dutch Treat Dinner at Offsite Location
(Information at Registration Desk)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Trip No. 4 - Mystic Seaport/Connecticut Foliage Tour
Wednesday Morning - October 13

GREETINGS AND WELCOME
Carol Graff, CPG
President, Northeast Section - AIPG

GREETINGS
William Fisher, CPG
President - AIPG

WELCOME TO SPRINGFIELD
Mayor Robert Markel,
City of Springfield

FEATURED SPEAKER
Julie D. Belaga

ENVIRONMENTAL PERSPECTIVES FROM THE REGULATORY VIEWPOINT

Julie Belaga was Regional I Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency based in Boston for the final three years of the Bush Administration. In March 1993, following her EPA service, Mrs. Belaga was appointed by Governor Lowell Wecker to the Connecticut Development Authority, whose mission is to encourage the growth of businesses and of employment in Connecticut.

She began her career of public service as chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission in Westport, Connecticut; moved on the Connecticut State Assembly for 10 years where she rose to become Assistant Minority Leader and Deputy Majority leader, and a senior member of the Environment Committee; and in 1988 ran unsuccessfully as the Republican candidate for Governor of Connecticut.

Speaking as a private citizen, Mrs. Belaga will address her views of the successes and shortcomings of EPA programs, and her personal view of the agency's direction and problems under the new administration.
THEME PRESENTATIONS
"Geologists In A Strained Economy"

The Evolving Market For Hydrogeologic And Environmental Services

MICHAEL R. BURKE, CPG
Vice President, Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc.
Nashua, New Hampshire

Mike Burke has a B.A. from SUNY - Potsdam and an M.S. from the University of Toledo, both in Geology. In his 19 years with LBG, he has worked in their Connecticut, Minnesota, South Dakota and New Hampshire offices, as Principal in Charge of the last three offices. His work experience encompasses water supply, mine dewatering, and investigations and remediation of hydrocarbon and hazardous waste sites.

Mike will discuss the recent changes in the market for environmental services, as related to employment opportunities, price competition, client relationships and buyer sophistication, as well as his view of evolving market in the 1990s.

Impending Changes In The 1872 Mining Law And Its Impacts On Mining Geologists

KATHLEEN BENEDETTO, CPG
Consulting Geologist
Reno, Nevada

Kathy Benedetto holds a B.S. degree in Geology from Oregon State University and has worked as an exploration geologist since 1979 for Tenneco Minerals and as an independent consultant since 1985. In addition to her active support of AIPG and the Nevada Section, Kathy is active in the Nevada Mining Association, The Northwest Mining Association and AIME.

Kathy will discuss the potential impact of proposed revision/replacement of the 1872 Mining Law on the U.S. mining industry and on mining geologists.
Introduction To Northeastern Geology

ROBERT G. LaFLEUR, PH.D., CPG
Professor of Geology
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Troy, New York

Bob LaFleur holds an A.B. from the University of Rochester and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he has been on the Geology faculty since 1952. Bob has also worked for 35 years for the U.S. Geological Survey on a WAE basis, which included surficial geologic mapping of much of the Hudson valley of eastern New York.

Bob will present an overview of the geology of the host area, including the complex bedrock geology and tectonics, and the profound influences of Pleistocene glaciation.

Problems In Urban Geology

CHARLES A. BASKERVILLE, PH.D., CPG,
Professor of Geology
Central Connecticut State University
New Britain, Connecticut

Charles Baskerville holds a B.S. degree from City College of New York and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from NYU. From 1953 to 1965 he worked as a geotechnical engineer for the NYS Department of Transportation. Charles then joined the faculty of City College of CUNY where he taught geology courses and became Dean of the School of General Studies. From 1979 to 1990 Dr. Baskerville worked with the U.S. Geological Survey, and is currently Professor of Geology at Central Connecticut State University.

Charlie will talk on the problems involved with doing geologic work in an urban environment, an update of his noted 1985 GSA presentation.

Status Of Mining And Mineral Exploration In The Northeastern United States

FREDERICK M. BECK, CPG
President, F. M. Beck, Inc.

Fred Beck holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Geology from the University of Wyoming and has been involved in exploration and mineral development for more than 30 years. After work experience with Stanolind, Kerr-McGee and Callahan Mining, Fred established his own company in Yarmouth, Maine in 1978. F. M. Beck, Inc. has served as consultants on exploration and geotechnical management for major mining companies throughout the United States, and recently has been closely involved with mine permitting issues in Maine and Oregon. He is also CEO of Maine Environmental Laboratory and Northeast Geophysical Services.

Fred will provide an overview of the status of mining and minerals exploration in the northeastern states, and will cover the difficulties in permitting of new operations.
Status Of Oil And Gas Development And Exploration In The Northeastern United States

RICHARD W. BEARDSLEY, CPG
President, Columbia Natural Resources, Inc.
Charleston, West Virginia

Dick Beardsley holds a B.S. in Geology from Pennsylvania State University. His experience includes geophysical work for Chevron in Houston on worldwide data and field work in a dozen states and for Columbia Gas Transmission Corp. Since 1986 he has been associated with CNR where he is presently Vice President of Geology and Geophysics. Dick will discuss recent oil and gas activity and exploration in the northeastern United States.

Trends In Geologic Education

WARD S. MOTT, PH.D., CPG
Professor of Geology
University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Ward S. Motts obtained a B.S. degree from Columbia College in New York City; an M.S. from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in Urbana, Illinois. Dr. Motts began his professional work as an Engineering and Ground-Water Geologist for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Chico, California. He transferred to the U.S. Geological Survey in New Mexico where he worked for eight years on hydrogeology projects in bedrock and unconsolidated deposits. After leaving the Survey, Dr. Motts taught ground water at the University of Oklahoma. Since coming to the University of Massachusetts in 1961, he has conducted hydrogeological research study in both eastern and western United States.

Ward will discuss recent trends in undergraduate geologic education and relationships to graduate education.

Thursday Morning - October 14

Thoughts About Our 1990's Futures

WILLIAM E. CUTCLIFFE, CPG
CEO, Dunn Corporation
Albany, New York

Bill Cutcliffe holds an A.B. from Dartmouth and an M.S. from Rensselaer, both in Geology. He was one of the earliest employees of Dunn Geoscience Corporation, now known as Dunn Corporation, which provides consulting services in geology, hydrology, geotechnical engineering, mining and industrial minerals development, and environmental investigations and remediation. As CEO, Bill has led Dunn's diversification into broader markets related to geology, including the acquisition of a New York chartered engineering firm.

Bill will discuss his perspective on the rapidly changing market for geologists in the site investigation and remediation segment of environmental business.
Strategies For Maintaining A Loyal Staff

GARY G. WALLRAPP
Director, Human Resources, TRC Environmental Group
Lowell, Massachusetts

Gary Wallrapp manages the human resources function at TRC, including employee relations, compensation, benefits and health and safety. He holds BBA and MBA degrees from Bernard M. Baruch College of the City University of New York, and was Director of Human Resources for Clean Harbors, Inc. and Augat, Inc. from 1980-1991.

Securing Capital For Your Consulting Firm

ANN E. (NANCY) HOWARD
Director, Environmental Services Division
Bank of Boston

Nancy will address the different sources of capital available to consulting firms, including the advantages and disadvantages of various sources in terms of equity loss, control and other measures, and how to select a funding source that best meets your needs.

Thursday Afternoon, October 14

Strategic Business Planning

MARK C. ZWEIG
President, Mark Zweig & Associates
Natick, Massachusetts

Mark Zweig provides management consulting services to top Architecture, Consulting Engineering and Environmental Service firms on strategic planning, organizational restructuring, turnarounds, human resources management, marketing, operations management training, mergers/acquisitions, and executive search - in short, how to run a consulting business. His wide range of clients and contacts has allowed him to introduce The Zweig Letter, a twice-monthly management newsletter read by firm principals, CEOs and CFOs in the U.S. and internationally. Mark Zweig & Associates also publishes survey publications, the Valuation Survey of A/E/P & Environmental Service Firms, the Financial Performance Survey of Environmental Consulting Firms, the Satellite Office Survey of A/E/P & Environmental Service Firms and others.

Mark's presentation will focus on strategic planning for geologic consulting firms, applying business practices proven in other types of consulting practices.
Competitive Perspectives From A Small Consulting Practice

TIMOTHY S. STONE, CPG
Stone Environmental Sciences, Inc.
Hampstead, New Hampshire

Tim Stone holds a B.S. in Geology from SUNY-Oneonta and an M.A. in Geological Sciences from SUNY-Binghamton. He has worked in the environmental hydrogeology field for over 12 years, for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, IT Corporation in New Jersey and Balsam Environmental Consultants before becoming co-founder, with his wife, of Stone Environmental Sciences in 1990.

Tim will address strategies of a small start-up firm to succeed in a world of big-firm competition.

Challenges For Environmental Companies In The 1990s

DAVID W. MILLER, CPG
CEO, Geraghty & Miller, Inc.
Plainview, New York

David Miller is co-founder and CEO of Geraghty & Miller, Inc., a full-service environmental services company with 50 offices nationwide. The firm specializes in developing, managing and protecting ground-water resources, as well as in the assessment and correction of ground-water contamination problems. The firm recently acquired Acurex, a 200-person air quality firm. David is a hydrogeologist with degrees in Geology from Colby College and Columbia University, and has been engaged in the solution of problems involving the development, management, and protection of ground water for 40 years.

David will speak about the challenges facing environmental consulting and services firms in the competitive 1990s.

Friday, October 15, 1993 - 8:30 TO 11:45 A.M.

State Geological Surveys In A Strained Economy

Budget cutting has become a favorite legislative sport in state capitals, and somehow state geological surveys stand out in legislators’ minds as prime targets for major cuts. An outstanding panel of leading state geologists will address the broad issue, and their own specific state problems and measures they have taken to cope with reduced budgets and further impending cuts.

Panelists:

ROBERT H. FAKUNDINY, CPG
State Geologist - New York

HAIG KASABACH, CPG
State Geologist - New Jersey

CHARLES J. MANKIN, CPG
State Geologist - Oklahoma

LARRY WOODFORK, CPG
State Geologist, West Virginia

President - AIPG, 1987

President - AIPG, 1983

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SHERATON MONARCH PLACE HOTEL

The Monarch Place is a surprising jewel of a hotel, beautifully designed and executed, and tastefully decorated. It is in the heart of Springfield, near I-91, and overlooks the broad Connecticut River and its sweeping wooded valley. Unimposing from the street and reception area, the hotel's second-floor lobby is at the center of a beautiful trapezoidal atrium that gives a feeling of intimacy, space and light, and provides great sitting areas for conversation. AIPG will be the 304-room hotel's main event for the week, assuring us of first-quality service.

Off the upper lobby are a lounge, a coffee shop-restaurant and Stacy's Grille, an excellent continental restaurant. A first-class health club occupying 16,800 square feet offers an indoor pool, weight room, steam rooms, sauna, whirlpool, and a wide variety of exercise machines.

The mezzanine level just above the lobby will be AIPG's base of operations, with registration, meeting rooms, exhibit hall, social hour space and dining areas all accessed from the edges of the atrium. This fine hotel will make for a memorable AIPG Annual Meeting.

Transportation:

The Sheraton Monarch Place Hotel offers free transportation from Bradley International Airport, the Hartford-Springfield facility about 20 minutes away. Upon arrival, call the hotel from the courtesy telephone panel in the baggage area to arrange pick-up.

An alternative air destination attractive to some is Boston's Logan Airport about 75 miles to the east by the Massachusetts Turnpike, I-90.

Rental Cars:

The official Rent a Car company for the 30th Annual AIPG Meeting is AVIS, who is providing special rates for AIPG members and guests, which rates apply for a week before and a week after the Annual Meeting.

Our AVIS Worldwide Discount (AWD) number for the meeting is: B282909. Use this number when making reservations by calling: 1-800-331-1600. This AWD number will be recognized at Bradley (Hartford/Springfield), at Logan (Boston) and at Albany Airport.
Side Trips

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE is a step backwards more than 150 years to rural New England in the 1830s. It was high on our list of organized tours but lost out to the Berkshires and the Clark & Rockwell museums. More than 40 authentic restored buildings comprise the re-created village, and demonstrations of daily tasks show lost skills and how difficult some necessities were. About 40 minutes from Springfield.

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME, in walking distance from the Monarch Place Hotel, is a Mecca for fans of roundball. What Dr. Naismith invented using peach baskets in 1891 has evolved into March Madness and the NBA. In addition to displays featuring stars and great teams, the Hall of Fame has interactive displays that test your vertical jump and foul-shooting skill. Walking distance from the Monarch Place Hotel.

AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS is the quintessential New England college town. The village has a broad oak-lined green edged by restaurants, a classic inn and quaint shops, and directly abuts the campus of Amherst College, in our view, the most serene and beautiful college in the region. About a half-hour from Springfield, it's worth your time. Don't miss the Lord Jeffery Inn, on the east side of the town green.

INDIAN MOTO CYCLE MUSEUM, Springfield. For aficionados of American iron, Indian bikes were for real motorcyclists, as opposed to the comfortable Harleys. The Indian Company was also a pioneer in airplane engines, outboard motors, lawn mowers, street cleaners and snowmobiles. An attempt is now underway to resurrect and market the famed 'Indian Moto Cycle' at a location in nearby Connecticut. The museum is a comfortable walk or short ride from the Monarch Place.
College Tours

Do you have a high schooler thinking about where to go to college? If so, consider combining your trip to the AIPG Annual Meeting with some campus tours, before, during or after the AIPG events.

Beginning with Springfield College, American International College and Western New England College in Springfield, the following college campuses are within about one hour from Springfield: Amherst College, University of Massachusetts, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, State College at Westfield, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Clark University, Assumption College, College of the Holy Cross, State College at Worcester, University of Connecticut State University, University of Hartford, St. Joseph's College, Trinity College, Central Connecticut State College, Eastern Connecticut State University and Wesleyan University.

Increasing the radius to a two-hour ride adds Williams College, State College at North Adams, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Russell Sage College, Siena College, SUNY-Albany, Bennington, Yale, University of New Haven, Albertus Magnus College, University of Bridgeport, Fairfield University, Connecticut College, Coast Guard Academy, Western Connecticut State University, Wellesley, Boston College, Boston University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, State College at Framingham, Atlantic Union College, Lowell Technological Institute, Emmanuel College, Northeastern University, Simmons College, Suffolk University, Tufts University, and Harvard University.

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TRIP NO. 1

Berkshire Mountains Fall Foliage Tour - Clark Art Museum

Wednesday, October 13 - 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This tour through the stunning autumnal spectacle of the Berkshire Mountains of Massachusetts features the old local highways and stops in Williamstown and Stockbridge.

In Williamstown, a guided tour through the magnificent Sterling and Francine Clark Art Museum is provided. The Clark Museum is particularly well known for its many French impressionist paintings, including more than thirty by Renoir. Also included are noteworthy American works by Homer, Sargent, Cassatt and Remington.

The tour will move to Stockbridge in time for an on-your-own lunch in its variety of comfortable inns and taverns. For the afternoon, the visitor has a choice of touring the relocated Norman Rockwell Museum or browsing through Stockbridge's many antique shops.

Cost: $20 per person - $8 extra for the Norman Rockwell Museum
TRIP NO. 2
Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Facility

Thursday, October 14 - 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Northfield Mountain Recreation and Environmental Center is managed by Northeast Utilities as part of its Pumped-Storage Generation Facility. The morning tour will feature the surface and underground generation facilities, in which water from the Connecticut River is pumped during off-peak hours to a 300-acre reservoir on top of Northfield Mountain and then is released back to the river, driving turbines to produce up to one million kilowatts of power during high demand periods. The underground tour will be led by one of the design engineers who supervised the construction.

Lunch will be provided at the Riverview picnic area on the bank of the Connecticut River.

The afternoon tour is a ride on the Quinnetukut II riverboat along the foliage-rich, historical Connecticut River, with discussion of the Deerfield Basin geology and its relation to the Border Fault.

Cost: $40 per person, includes lunch and boat fare

TRIP NO. 3
Springfield Museum Walk

Friday Afternoon - October 15

The Springfield Library & Museums are clustered at The Quadrangle, an elevated terrace on the east side of the city center. In addition to the city library, The Quadrangle includes the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Springfield Science Museum. The two art museums are of special interest for their eclectic collections. All-day admission is free on Fridays for all facilities, but a half-day tour is suggested. The Quadrangle is within walking distance from the Monarch Place hotel; rides will be provided for those who want to conserve their walking energy for the museums.

Cost: FREE!
TRIP NO. 4
Mystic Seaport

Saturday, October 16 -
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

With all the AIPG business and technical sessions behind you, an all-day jaunt to one of New England's favorite attractions is on tap for Saturday. Leaving at 8:30 a.m. after a continental breakfast on the mezzanine, the buses will follow the scenic Connecticut River along Route 9 to the Connecticut Turnpike and then to Mystic Seaport. The trip includes a guided tour of the 17-acre restored seaport and the tall ships in residence, including the renowned Charles W. Morgan whaling ship and the various ship chandlery and related shops.

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The Seaport can be enough for a full day, but for those who speed through ships and colonial artifacts, the tour offers an afternoon option of visiting the nearby Mystic Marinelife Aquarium, which features 48 major exhibits and hourly demonstrations of whales, dolphins and sea lions at play. The tour bus will ferry Aquarium guests the 1.5 miles from the seaport.

Cost: $35 per person
$ 8.50 Extra for Aquarium
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1. Awards Luncheon (Wednesday noon)                        | 20.00           |             |             |
2. Banquet/Dancing (Thursday evening)                      | 45.00           |             |             |
3. Annual Business Meeting Luncheon (Friday noon)         | 20.00           |             |             |
4. Trip No. 1 - Berkshires/Clark Museum/Foliage (Wednesday)| 20.00           |             |             |
   • Norman Rockwell Museum Option                          | 8.00            |             |             |
5. Trip No. 2 - Northfield Mountain (Thursday)            | 40.00           |             |             |
6. Trip No. 3 - Springfield Museum Walk (Friday p.m.)     | FREE            |             |             |
7. Trip No. 4 - Mystic Seaport/Foliage Tour (Saturday)    | 35.00           |             |             |
   • Mystic Marine Life Aquarium Option                     | 8.50            |             |             |
OSHA Health & Safety Refresher Course (Tuesday)            | 125.00          |             |             |

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1993 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

(Tuesday, October 12
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(Closed Executive Session 8:00 to ± 9:30 a.m.;
Open to Section Officers and Members thereafter.)

1993 ADVISORY BOARD BREAKFAST MEETING

Wednesday, October 13
8:00 - 9:15 a.m.

ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, October 13
Noon - 1:30 p.m.

SHORT COURSE FOR SECTION OFFICERS

Wednesday, October 13
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

1994 ADVISORY BOARD BREAKFAST MEETING

Thursday, October 14
8:00 - 9:15 a.m.

(Features election of Advisory Board
Representatives to 1994 Executive Committee.)

AIPG FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES BREAKFAST MEETING

Thursday, October 14
8:30 - 9:45 a.m.

ANNUAL BANQUET

Thursday, October 14
6:30 - 11:00 p.m.

PAST PRESIDENTS' BREAKFAST

Friday, October 15
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

(Past Presidents and Spouses/Guests Invited.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WRAP-UP SESSION

Friday, October 15
10:15 - 11:45 a.m.

ANNUAL AIPG BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, October 15
Noon - 2:30 p.m.
Short Course For Section Officers

Wednesday, October 13 - 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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Main topics will include evaluation of section strengths and weaknesses, development and use of prospect lists, follow-up, strategic planning, communications, dealing with lost members and the challenges of attaining a high degree of member involvement. Her program will be a mix of lecture and workshop, so there will be ample opportunity to air your section’s specific problems.

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**INSTRUCTOR:**
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Ruth has a B.S. in Radio and Television Journalism from the University of Colorado. Since 1977, she has been a Public Relations Consultant and Free Lance Writer. Among her credits are service as the Public Information Officer for the North Dakota Attorney General’s Office, Director of Alumni & Public Relations for Mary College in Bismarck, and as a Colorado Affiliate of the National Federation of Press Women, for whom she served as President for 3 years. She is currently 2nd Vice President of the National Federation of Press Women.
ALASKA HJR 35
AUTHOR: Sitton
TOPIC: ENERGY
SUBTOPIC: OIL, GAS, PETROLEUM, AND GOAL
SUMMARY: Endorses approval by the United States Congress of legislation imposing a fee on imported oil.
STATUS: 3/17/93 INTRODUCED

ALASKA 1103
AGENCY: Div. of Comm. and Economic Dev., Div. of Occupation Licensing
TOPIC: BUSINESS AND CORPORATIONS
SUMMARY: Relates to underground storage tank worker certification; announces examinations for underground storage tank workers.
AGENCY CONTACT: Division of Occupational Licensing, Department of Commerce and Economic Development, P.O. Box 118806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806, (907) 465-2547
CITATION: (UNCODIFIED) Underground Storage Tank Worker Cert. Exam.
PROPOSAL DATE: 03/01/93
COMMENT DEADLINE: 03/17/93

ARKANSAS H 1943
AUTHOR: Miller J
SUMMARY: Adds to definitions terms professional engineer, engineer-intern, consultant, contractor, board, responsible charge, also-102 increasing penalty for practicing without a license to a maximum of $1,000; revises membership of the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and allows Board to appoint an Executive Director who also serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board; revises applicant qualifications, fees, suspension or revocation procedures, discipline procedures, criminal offenses.
STATUS: 03/09/93 INTRODUCED

ARKANSAS S 556
AUTHOR: Moore
TOPIC: RES. MGMT AND PRESERVATION
SUBTOPIC: WATER SUPPLY AND PRESERV.
SUMMARY: Requires supervision of drilling of groundwater monitoring wells and installation makes it unlawful for such drilling and equipment installation to take place without supervision by a registered geologist.
STATUS: 2/24/93 INTRODUCED.

ARKANSAS S 696
AUTHOR: Fitch
TOPIC: BUSINESS AND CORPORATIONS
SUBTOPIC: SPECIFIC INDUSTRIES, OCCUP.
LAST AMEND.: 3/19/93
SUMMARY: Redefines the term "land surveying," changes references of registered land surveyors to "professional surveyors," requires surveys of acreage lying in multiple quarter-quarter land sections include number of acres included in each section separately; changes references to "professional land surveyor" and "surveyor intern" and authorizes the Secretary of the Board to set individual application fees; exempts surveyors 65 years of age and older and those with 25 or more years of experience from provisions.
STATUS: 3/06/93 INTRODUCED.

CALIFORNIA S 433
AUTHOR: Craven
TOPIC: BUSINESS AND CORPORATIONS
SUBTOPIC: SPECIFIC INDUSTRIES, OCCUP.
SUMMARY: Provides that prior to 1/1/94, professional geological work shall qualify for an applicant seeking certification as a hydrogeologist if performed under the supervision of a geologist qualified in hydrogeology. Requires the State Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists to define, by regulation, professional geological work for purposes of persons seeking certification in hydrogeology.
STATUS: 2/24/93 INTRODUCED.

CALIFORNIA S 746
AUTHOR: Rogers
TOPIC: BUSINESS AND CORPORATIONS
SUBTOPIC: SPECIFIC INDUSTRIES, OCCUP.
SUMMARY: Revises the "responsible charge of work" definition to include supervision or review and approval of geologic work or geophysical work on behalf of the public.
STATUS: 3/03/93 INTRODUCED.

CALIFORNIA S 1119
AUTHOR: Rogers
TOPIC: HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
SUBTOPIC: SOCIAL SERVICES - OTHER
SUMMARY: Requires the California Geologic Safety Commission, the State Architect, and the Strong Motion Office of the Division of Mines and Geology of the Department of Conservation to support and educational program to develop and make information available to California's business and industry to encourage private investment in earthquake hazard mitigation technology.
STATUS: 3/05/93

ILLINOIS S 966
AUTHOR: O'Malley
TOPIC: BUSINESS AND CORPORATIONS
SUBTOPIC: SPECIFIC INDUSTRIES, OCCUP.
SUMMARY: Amends Professional Engineering Practice Act, includes geotechnical engineering, geology and hydrogeology in definition of practice that includes the planning, analysis, etc. of piping systems and appurtenances, soil classification, hazardous waste, mitigation and control, industrial, and hygiene systems, makes other requirements.
STATUS: 3/10/93 INTRODUCED

LOUISIANA S 3 a
AUTHOR: Campbell
TOPIC: SPECIAL MEASURES
SUBTOPIC: MEASURES REQ. VOTER APPROVAL
LAST AMEND.: 3/17/93
SUMMARY: Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution, relative to taxes on natural resources and the use of such taxes; levies a tax on the use of hydrocarbon processing facilities; provides for the reduction and repeal of certain severance taxes; dedicates such tax to the elimination of current and to the limitation of future state debt; specifies an election for submission of the proposition to the electors.
STATUS: 3/06/93 INTRODUCED

MARYLAND S 646
AUTHOR: Boozar
TOPIC: REAL ESTATE & CONSTRUCTION
SUBTOPIC: REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT
SUMMARY: Authorizes professional land managers licensed by the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors to prepare a sediment erosion control plan.
STATUS: 2/03/93 INTRODUCED

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WASHINGTON H 2402
AUTHOR: Gallagher
TOPIC: BUSINESS AND CORPORATIONS
SUBTOPIC: SPECIFIC INDUSTRIES, OCCUP.
SUMMARY: Relates to authorizing the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers to promulgate legislative rules relating to the Board.
STATUS: 3/30/93 INTRODUCED

WISCONSIN 7803
AGENCY: Dept. of Ind., Labor & Human Relations
TOPIC: REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION
SUMMARY: Updates the rules for the certification of people performing construction site soil erosion control inspections at one and two-Family dwellings.
AGENCY CONTACT: Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations; Division of Safety and Buildings, 201 E Washington Avenue, PO Box 7899, Madison, WI 53707 (608) 266-1542
CITATION: ILHR 2 and 26 Soil and Erosion Control
PROPOSAL DATE: 03/15/93
COMMENT DEADLINE: 03/30/93
HEARING DATE: 03/30/93
ADOPTION DATE: -3/15/93
EFFECTIVE DATE: 02/12/93
EXPIRATION DATE: 05/11/93
MESSAGE: Emergency rule, simultaneously proposed for permanent adoption

WEST VIRGINIA H 2693
AUTHOR: Chambers
TOPIC: ENERGY
SUBTOPIC: OIL, GAS, PETROLEUM, AND COAL
SUMMARY: Relates to coalbed methane gas wells and units, declares public policy; makes certain findings defining certain terms; provides for a system of issuing permits for coalbed methane gas wells; provides for an application procedure; provides the Chief of the Office of Oil and Gas with authority to manage the program, promulgate rules and issue permits; provides that provisions of the statute apply to certain lands, classifies coalbed methane wells and coalbed methane.
STATUS: 3/24/93 INTRODUCED
F. B. "Ted" Mullin, CPG-1716

Spring has sprung and the baseball season has started. That's about all of the good news this month.

Watching the new Administration operate for the past three months has been akin to preparing for the first field trip of the season. There have been delays, changes in plans, overestimates in time required to do certain jobs, false starts, lack of cooperation by members of the crew, and lack of funding to do the job correctly. Now that the bit is in the ground with the new budget, some of the work can begin. It will be interesting to say the least.

Now for more gleanings from the Federal Register


For further information - contact Mike Fitzpatrick, USEPA OS-323W, 401 M St. SW, Washington, D.C.: (703) 308-8411.

DOI-USGS - Page 15355. Notice of Proposed Revised Instructions for the USGS NEPA Procedures. The revision deletes functions that have been transferred to the BLM and MMS and updates information about USGS organizational responsibilities.

For further information - contact Clifford Haupt; (703) 648-6832.

DOI-BIA, OSM, Part III. Proposed rule- Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations; Federal Program for Indian Lands

For further information- contact Billie E. Clark Jr., Federal and Indian Permitting Branch, OSM, Brooks Towers, 1020 15th St., Denver, CO 80202 (303) 844-2829.


Describes the As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA) policy for management of radioactive materials in liquid waste and requires sites to establish groundwater protection programs.

For further information- contact Ben McRae, USDOE, GC-31, 1000 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585 (202) 586-6975

And Now, Wonderful News For All You High-Flying Geologists Out There

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Terminal Airspace Reconfiguration; Final Rule (I wonder if that means that it's the end?) and on page 15252, the amendment states—"However the strict application of this definition would leave a corridor of uncontrolled airspace above a Class B, Class C, or Class D airspace area because the Class E airspace ends beneath the more restrictive airspace. Therefore, the FAA has revised para. 71.71 (c). the revision designates Class E airspace above a Class B, Class C, or Class D airspace for the purpose of transitioning to or from the terminal or en route environment."

That's enough to give a pilot vertigo.

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Executive Director's Itinerary

(subject to change)

The Executive Director is visiting various Sections, agencies, campuses, and other organizations. He is talking, listening, and exchanging information and ideas. Members are encouraged to attend these meetings wherever and whenever possible. His itinerary for the next several months, as presently scheduled, is:

May 7-12: Alaska Section, Fairbanks, and Anchorage, AK
May 25: Dakotas Section, Bismarck, ND
Jun. 12-13: European Federation of Geologists, Helsinki, Finland (?)
Jul. 17: AIPG Executive Comm. Meeting, Arvada, CO
Jul. 20-23: Council of Engrg. & Scientific Soc. Execs., Baltimore, MD
Sep. 9-10: (?), West Virginia Section, Charleston & Morgantown, WV
Sep. 13-17: Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Carolinas Sections
Sep. 22-23: (?), Kansas Section, Wichita & Topeka, KS
Oct. 12-16: AIPG Annual Meeting, Springfield, MA

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Ghislain de Marsily

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March 1993, 560 pp., $95.00
ISBN: 0-12-083980-6

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State Legislators: A Secretary's View

Robert A. L'Ecuyer, Attorney-At-Law

It's amazing how important the details are. Marge, a state senator's secretary, describes her job as the gatekeeper for a senator who works 12-hour days but receives demands for time that would require a 40-hour day.

"The senator relies on me to help allocate her time. I don't mean she doesn't control her calendar, but someone has to sort through the letters and calls and prioritize them so she can choose without wading through all the stacks of things she gets," Marge said.

Marge said it's not uncommon to be contacted by an association president with an emergency--he has to talk to the senator right away about a crucial bill that's before a subcommittee the senator chairs.

"It's 3 p.m. The Subcommittee meeting is at 8 o'clock the next morning. The senator is in a meeting until 5 p.m. and then has to rush to a reception with constituents and then a dinner with more constituents, where she has to give a short talk," Marge explained.

So Marge tries to field the question and protect the senator's time. Could this bill be handled by the full committee, so that the senator's subcommittee is not as important? "No," the association president tells her. "My members are convinced they will not get a fair hearing for an amendment they want from anyone but your senator."

The senator had never discussed the bill with Marge, a good indication that for the senator the bill is not a priority. Marge then asked the association president whether anyone had discussed the bill with the senator.

"What I really needed to know was whether someone from the senator's district had talked to her. That could have made it a priority," Marge said. "Responding to constituents is the first priority for the senator. If the question doesn't come from a constituent, then the topic has to be on her personal list of high priorities before she will cut into her schedule to make room on short notice. I ask a few questions. This guy doesn't even know where the senator's district is, or which of his board members is from there.

"The next question I ask is why this association doesn't have someone tracking the progress of bills important to them? If they did, then they would have known about this bill six days ago when we published the subcommittee agenda. And I wouldn't be deciding whether I had to call the senator out of her afternoon meeting."

The association president explained that he didn't call the previous week because the association has no staff. In fact, they only found out about the meeting from a member who saw an item in a local paper in the northern part of the state. It hadn't even made the big city papers.

"I put the president on hold and checked the bill file. There was nothing in there but a one-pager from senate staff. When I got back on the phone, I asked whether anyone had talked to staff. The answer was no. They didn't know they could talk to staff."

Marge explained that if the association had contacted the staff, they might have persuaded them to prepare a draft amendment. But the association had no draft amendment to propose. Although the association knew what result it wanted, no one had worked out the required legislative format and language. In order for the senator to offer a draft amendment the next morning, a staff member would have to be given the job immediately.

"The association hadn't talked to the other two members of the subcommittee. They thought everything could be done in the subcommittee meeting. I explained that the members might not understand the issue if they hadn't been briefed ahead of time. Also, if they found out the association had talked to my senator and not them, they might be insulted. Don't they know that senators have big egos?"

Marge explained that the work on a bill is done before the subcommittee meeting. The association would have the right to appear and be heard, but is difficult to persuade senators in an open hearing. The hearing is the last step. Often, it is only a formality.

"At this point, I had nothing that would justify interrupting the senator, and I told him so. He got angry. 'We're voters,' he said. 'Don't those senators know we pay their salaries? They work for us...,' and so on. He threatened, just like all those callers who don't get what they want. I don't know why, but I decided to explain to this president that getting angry didn't work with legislators, and it was a poor way to get cooperation from secretaries. Thankfully, he understood--and cooled down.

"Then, all of a sudden this president told me he was desperate. 'Please tell me what I need to do,' he begged. 'Give me a good reason to call the senator out of the meeting.' I said. So, he described what the bill would do to a number of small businesses, mostly owned and operated by women. He said that there were 15 to 20 of these businesses in every district.

"That was enough. My boss used to own a small business. She knows how tough it can be for women starting their own company. I got her out of the meeting. She took care of staff and the other members. The association got its amendment."

Then Marge added the final detail. "You know what made it all worthwhile? He told me thanks, and then he sent a letter to the senator saying thanks--and he mentioned how he appreciated what I did. Do you know how few of all the people the senator and I help ever stop and say that? Boy, it really makes you appreciate those who do."

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June 1-4, 1993. Batch and Pipeline Mixing for Better Plant Performance, Atlanta, GA. Contact: Georgia Tech Continuing Edu., Dept. of Continuing Education, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA 30332-0385, Ph.: (404) 894-2547.

June 7-10, 1993. RSMA Colloquium and Forum on Global Aspects of Coral Reefs: Health, Hazards and History, Miami, FL. Contact: Reef Meetings, Univ. of Miami/RSMA, 4600 Rickenbacker Causeway, Miami, FL 33149-1098.

June 9-11, 1993. American Assoc. of Prof. Landmen's 39th International Conference & Annual Meeting, Houston, TX. Contact: Le'ann Pembroke, AAPL, 4100 Fossil Creek Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76137-2791, Ph.: (817) 847-7700.


June 13-17, 1993. Eleventh Rapid Excavation and Tunneling Conference (RETC) Boston, MA. Contact: Meetings Dept., SME, P.O. Box 625002, Littleton, CO 80162, Ph.: (303) 973-9550.


June 24, 1993. ASTM Symposium on Analysis of Soils Contaminated with Petroleum Constituents, Atlanta, GA. Contact: Symposium Chairman Tracey O'Shany, Gordon and Lawton, P.O. Box 80072, Austin, TX 78777-0072, Ph.: (512) 475-2302.


August 1-5, 1993. International Symposium on Hydromelalurgy, Salt Lake City, UT. Contact: Meetings Dept., SME, P.O. Box 625002, Littleton, CO 80162, Ph.: (303) 973-9550.

August 8-12, 1993. SEPM Meeting, The Stratigraphic Record of Global Change: Climate, Eustasy and Life, State College, PA. Contact: Julie Ball, SEPM, P.O. Box 4756, Tulsa, OK 74139-0756, Ph.: (918) 743-9765.


September 7-9, 1993. Randol Gold Forum, Vail Valley, CO. Contact: Randol International Ltd., 21375 Mountsfield Dr., Golden, CO 80401, Ph.: (303) 526-1626.

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September 12-15, 1993. AAPG Rocky Mountain Section, Salt Lake City, UT. Contact: AAPG Convention Dept., P.O. Box 979, Tulsa, OK 74101, Ph.: (918) 584-2555.

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October 24-28, 1993. 5th International M.G.I.S. Symposium, Tulsa, OK. Contact: James K. Holenberg, Symposium Chair., 336 E. 29th St., Tulsa, OK 74114-3905, Ph.: (918) 749-7224.

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