

June 24, 2013

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June Luncheon Speaker

Our Speaker for the **June 26, 2013** luncheon (11:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Hotel Tucson, 475 North Granada Avenue) will be **Susanne Cotty**. Ms. Cotty is a Senior Air Quality Planner with the Pima Association of Governments (PAG) where she models, compiles and analyzes information on air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions. She draws on her 7 years of experience with PAG to coordinate air quality planning for the Tucson region. She holds a Master's Degree from Rutgers University and Bachelor's Degree from the University of Delaware, both in biological sciences. Susanne's prior work experience focused on environmental aspects in the agricultural, regulatory and educational sectors. PAG staff recently completed a regional greenhouse gas inventory for 1990-2010 for Eastern Pima County, the City of Tucson, and their respective government operations. Results show a 41 percent increase in County greenhouse gas emissions over this 20-year period; the City of Tucson had similar results. Susanne will also discuss recent trends from 2008-2010, which show a decline in emissions by both jurisdictions.

RCRA Seminar Summary

On May 9, 2013, SAEMS hosted the much anticipated annual **RCRA Seminar**. A total of 154 people attended and SAEMS made approximately \$11,100 for future University of Arizona environmental scholarships. Thank you to the 24 sponsors who helped fund the RCRA Seminar and SAEMS scholarships. On a related note, \$10,000 from prior seminar profits and a \$500 donation from the Arizona Lab Association were recently sent to the UA Foundation to fund eight scholarships for school year 2013-14.



PAYMENT TIP:

SAEMS lunch and seminar attendees are requested to use PayPal for payments whenever possible. Financial charges for using PayPal are about 2.7% and the charge for using a credit card averages 4.8%. Last fiscal year SAEMS spent \$1,600 on financial fees. If everyone used PayPal, we could cut the costs in half and have \$1,000 more for scholarships. As an added bonus, pre-paying on PayPal allows members to fast forward through the lunch or seminar check-in line.

SAEMS members volunteering on the RCRA seminar committee were (front row from left to right): Shri Parikh, Barb Ricca, Sarah Sillman, and Lisa Cuestas and (back row from left to right) Dave Mack, Derek Koller, Frank Bonillas, Pat Hartshorne, Heather Shoemaker, and Ken Asch.



SAEMS Website Updates

See the latest information on the SAEMS website! Members can access the current membership directory under the Members tab on the website (www.saems.org) or [Click Here](#), and then enter the member user name and password.

Upcoming P2 Seminar – September 25, 2013

On September 25, 2013, SAEMS will host the annual **P2 Seminar** at the Hilton East in Tucson. P2 is a path towards sustainable growth. Excess emissions are waste. Waste can become wasted money and lead to an ever-increasing regulatory burden. Eliminating waste and increasing efficiency is a stepping stone toward carbon neutrality. For additional information contact Lisa Cuestas (Lisa.Cuestas@tucsonaz.gov) or Heather Shoemaker (520-770-1789 or hpschoemaker@terracon.com).

SAEMS Executive Committee Election Results

The SAEMS Executive Committee increases membership value through effective leadership, rapid dissemination of information, pursuit of opportunities to expand our sphere of influence, active engagement of Committee members, and seeking membership input. Please welcome the new Executive Committee for 2013-2014: President Dawn Weyer, President Elect Pat Harrington, Vice President Heather Spitzer, Secretary Derek Koller, Treasurer Barb Ricca, and Communications Coordinator Pat Hartshorne.

Hazardous Materials Manager Certification Preparation Course

SAEMS is sponsoring a **Hazardous Materials Manager Certification** preparation course on **November 5-7, 2013** at the ADOSH Tucson Office, 2675 East Broadway Blvd (1st floor training room). The course is applicable to Environmental, Health, and Safety decision makers such as hazardous materials managers, engineers, environmental scientists, industrial hygienists, and safety officers. Education and work experience determine eligibility for the Hazardous Materials Management Technician (HMMT), Certified Hazardous Materials Practitioner (CHMP), or Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM). For more information, contact Richard W. Murphy by telephone at (520) 794-0079 or by email at Richard_W_Murphy@raytheon.com. Within the next week you will be able to download the course registration form from the SAEMS website at http://www.saems.org/seminars_frameset.htm. Once you have completed the registration form, email to Barb Ricca at treasurer@saems.org. The course may be paid for on the SAEMS website using PayPal. If you prefer to pay by credit card, DO NOT email the credit card information -- call Barb Ricca at (520) 799-4433.