



PEP...TALK

Partners For Environmental Progress

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PEP Calendar

PEP Membership Breakfast

7 a.m. - Ashbury Hotel
Sept. 21 and Nov. 16

Alabama Coastal Cleanup

September 16
Mobile & Baldwin
counties

PEP Open House...

a reverse trade show
October 19—1-5 p.m.
Fort Whiting Auditorium

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PEP Continues the Reverse Trade Show Concept.

For the sixth consecutive year, PARTNERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRESS will sponsor its **PEP Open House**. During the one-day event on **October 19**, the Gulf Coast business community participates in the format of a reverse trade show.

"What is a reverse trade show?" Begun in recent years in our region, this industrial trade show brings together the decision-makers from large industry to one location. Ticket holders from the supplier, vender and service sectors are the participants who walk through the show "calling on" plant managers, purchasing managers, and engineers and maintenance managers.

The event benefits everyone involved. Industrial leaders offer their afternoon to visit with participants and, in the process, network with their counterparts from other companies. Sales representatives can meet with decision-makers from more than thirty of the area's largest industries. And, there is no limit to networking opportunities. Companies often send multiple participants to the show.


As an organization of area businesses that promotes economic development while enhancing the environment, PARTNERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRESS knows the importance of

interacting with key people in business and industry.


We are pleased to announce a new venue for this year. The PEP Open House will be held at the beautifully renovated Fort Whiting Auditorium in the Brookley Industrial Complex. We will enjoy a large exhibit hall and plenty of parking.

No Gulf Coast event is complete without delicious food. We expect some fine barbeque and local cuisine from the food experts among our membership.

The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$75 for PEP members and \$125 for non-members. Registration information is available through the PEP office at 251-345-7269 or at www.pepmobile.org.



OPEN HOUSE
A Reverse Trade Show



Visit
Major Industries
At One Location

You'll be face-to-face with these decision makers

- Plant Managers
- Purchasing Managers
- Maintenance Managers
- Engineering Managers

October 19, 2006
1- 5 PM
Fort Whiting — Mobile, Alabama

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PEP Among Hosts at the Gulf Coast Energy Forum

Over 250 business and community leaders gathered at the Mobile Convention Center this past February to participate in the Gulf Coast Energy Forum. Sponsored and hosted by a group of six organizations including PEP, the one-day event addressed increasing demand for energy and increasing challenges to

maintain adequate supply.

National speakers from Cambridge Energy Research Associates, the American Petroleum Institute, and the American Gas Association as well as an Alabama manufacturer, presented a national and regional viewpoint on energy issues. Panel

discussions and audience questions focused on the increasing need for affordable and accessible natural gas.

Congressman Jo Bonner and Governor Bob Riley outlined state-related energy issues including offshore drilling, and financial and supply impacts for Alabama.

Your Voice in the Community

- ❖ Mobile United Natural Resources Committee
- ❖ Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ Chamber Leadership Trip to Boston
- ❖ Mobile Chamber Local Governmental Affairs Committee
- ❖ Transportation Funding Coalition
- ❖ DA's Disaster Response Taskforce

PEP Golf Tournament Another Success

Fifty-two teams participated in the 6th annual golf scramble under the sunny skies of Lake Wood Golf Club in Point Clear.

Participants remarked that this year's event "...was the best of PEP's best. The golf course was spectacular and the menu outstanding. Together with a good pace of golf, exceptional networking opportunities, fun contests, and door prizes, this

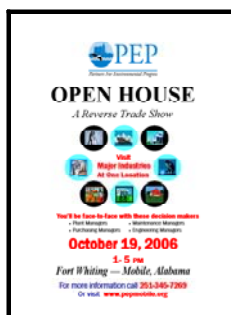
tournament can't be beat."

Corporate, team and individual hole sponsors, along with volunteers and door prize and hospitality sponsors, supported the event. Industrial Valve brought home the Golden Skillet Award. Mark Wright and Charles Wilson, tournament organizers received special recognition for their many years of service. For a list of sponsors, see www.pepmobile.org/calendar and click "A Great Success."

SPREAD THE WORD!

Let's make this a record year for ticket sales at the October 19th *PEP Open House...a reverse trade show* at Fort Whiting in Mobile.

Registration forms are available from the PEP office at 345-7269 or jharris@pepmobile.org or online at www.pepmobile.org. Just *click* the Open House poster.



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2006 ENERGY POLICY

Increasingly, coastal Alabama businesses and citizens are concerned about energy availability and price. Specifically, wholesale natural gas prices are at record high levels. The extremely tight supply/demand situation and trading volatility have produced record high gas prices. These high energy costs are harming the global competitiveness of the central Gulf Coast as a place to do business, and are increasing the cost of living in our area.

Natural gas production from mature areas is declining and is unable to keep up with demand. New areas must be explored to produce more natural gas in an environmentally responsible manner. Conservation and energy efficiency are important and can help, but conservation will not be enough to reduce prices. Increased gas supplies are needed.

To address this situation, *Partners for Environmental Progress* supports the formulation of public policy at all levels of government that will:

1. Increase the supply of energy in a manner that is safe and protective of the environment.
 - a. Encourage the development of domestic natural gas deposits offshore and onshore where development is currently prohibited. Such development should responsibly consider environmental and safety issues.
 - b. Permit the construction of terminals for the importation of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) plants. Such development should responsibly consider environmental and safety issues.
 - c. Provide incentives for the development of a diverse mix of energy sources, including biomass, nuclear power, and other renewable sources of energy.
 - d. Provide incentives for energy conservation and additional capital to implement the improvements.
 - e. Increase funding of basic and applied research to improve understanding of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed developments.
2. Improve the regulatory climate. The permitting and enforcement process should exhibit, as a minimum, the following characteristics:
 - a. Fact-Based: The process should be based on sound scientific research concerning probable impacts of each development.
 - b. Comprehensive: The process should consider all aspects of any proposed development, especially safety and environmental impacts.
 - c. Organized: The lead agency responsible for the permitting process should be clearly identified, and should be accountable for inclusion of input from all related agencies at all levels of government. The process should seek the involvement of the local community on a broad basis as early as possible.
 - d. Enforceable: Each permit should be clear in its requirements for operation, for reporting, and for penalties.

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PEP Awards Presented at Annual Meeting



Board member Henry Seawell presents PEP Community Award to David Bagwell

Partners for Environmental Progress (PEP) held its 6th Annual Meeting on May 10th at the Gulf Coast Exploreum in Mobile.

The meeting featured the 1st Annual **PEP Community Partner Award**. David A. Bagwell, federal mediator for the U.S. Highway 98 Corridor Project in West Mobile County, was the recipient.

PEP Awards for positive environmental contributions were awarded to large, medium and small member companies. These six companies are the 2nd annual recipients:

Bender Shipbuilding integrated a "Lean Manufacturing" program that focused on reducing smoke and gas emissions through monitoring weld sizes, and the economic costs and environmental effects of over-welding and rework.

Volkert Environmental Group led an interdisciplinary team for Alabama State Port Authority in the preparation of an EIS for the Choctaw Point Terminal project.

wetlands plan, control of storm water runoff, protection of water quality, and preservation of a Civil War fortification.

AkzoNobel Functional Chemicals achieved Responsible Care Program certification which requires environmental progress auditing by a third part and responsibility for protection and handling of chemicals in its own plant, by its customers, transporters, the general public, and follows the guidelines of its Citizens Advisory Panel in Axis.

Hand Arendall, through its members of the Real Estate, Land Use and Timber Practice Group, encourages conservation of natural resources and good stewardship. Members are directly involved in task forces focusing on conservation and land use planning issues, volunteer efforts that promote conservation education, watershed management practices, and best management practices in everyday activities.

Hargrove & Associates chose to renovate an existing building near downtown for its expansion. The project utilized less new construction materials, provided a net increase in green space and trees, and a shorter commute for many employees. The 1950's warehouse was retrofitted for energy efficiency. The storm water system was re-designed to alleviate neighborhood flooding.

Hudson & Watts, LLC has participated in the formation of the two most prominent environmentally conscious networks of business and industry on the Gulf Coast - The Forum and PEP. This firm, which specializes in environmental litigation and regulatory compliance, provides counsel

PEP Membership Breakfasts Draw a Solid Attendance

The 2006 PEP Membership Breakfasts have a loyal and growing following every other month on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 a.m.

Mayor Sam Jones led our program in March with an overview of his first months in office. He graciously extended the usual presentation time and answered questions from many of the seventy-five members in attendance.

Just prior to the beginning of the hurricane season, Captain David Yeager of the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program shared an extensive knowledge of coastal waters and habitats, and a poignant view of Hurricane Katrina aftermath.

Continuing the weather theme, Dr. Bill Williams of the Coastal Weather Research Center at the University of South Alabama explained the history of hurricanes for the last century. He discussed the many factors that comprise the forecasting of these storms.

Our next breakfast meeting is September 21st. Look for more details on our website and in upcoming emails.

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