



PEP...TALK

Partners For Environmental Progress

Fall 2011

In this issue...

- ♦ PEP Wins EPA Award
- ♦ Reverse Trade Show
- ♦ PEP supports S. 1400
- ♦ New Members

**2011 Calendar
Membership**

Breakfasts

September 15

**Sponsor: The Mundy
Companies**

November 17

Reverse Trade Show

October 13

**A Clean
Environment
is
Good
for
Business!**

*Partners for
Environmental Progress
(PEP)*

754 Downtowner Loop West
Mobile, AL 36609
251-345-7269
251-342-5575 fax
www.pepmobile.org
Jennifer Denson
Executive Director

PEP WINS EPA'S GULF GUARDIAN AWARD



Howard Johnson (MMR Constructors), Jennifer Denson (PEP), Rebekah Bell (Alabama Power) and Gary Criscione (Evonik Degussa)

On August 3rd, PEP Board members, Howard Johnson and Gary Criscione, PEP director, Jennifer Denson and Alabama Power's BPS representative Rebekah Bell were proud to accept the EPA's 2011 Gulf Guardian Award. PEP received 1st place in the Business Category for its project, By-Product Synergy Central Gulf Coast. In a recent press statement, Denson remarked, "*We are honored that the EPA and the Gulf of Mexico Program have recognized PEP's efforts to help make business leaner, cleaner and greener – more efficient and more sustainable which positively impacts the entire region, economically, socially and environmentally.*" BPS CGC embodies PEP's mission and core belief that working together, we can strike a positive balance between coastal growth and its impacts on our sensitive coastal environment. PEP is currently recruiting companies for the 2nd BPS project phase, set to begin in December.

VIP and General Admission Tickets on Sale NOW!

PEP's Reverse Trade Show

October 13th • 1-5 pm • Ft Whiting Auditorium

PEP's annual industrial Reverse Trade Show has the potential to improve your company's bottom line. Plant managers, purchasing and engineering managers and more from 40 exhibitors, including Austal USA, ThyssenKrupp, Corps of Engineers, Signal Ship Repair and Infirmary Health will be available to learn about your company. Go to www.pepmobile.org for a complete exhibitor list and to buy tickets.

PEP Supports **S. 1400, *RESTORE the Gulf Coast Act of 2011***

Partners for Environmental Progress (PEP) supports U.S. Senate bill 1400, *RESTORE the Gulf Coast Act of 2011*. S. 1400, introduced by Senators Mary Landrieu (D-LA) and Richard Shelby (R-AL) and co-sponsored by most Gulf Coast Senators is critical to the region's successful long-term recovery from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Current law mandates that the significant fines expected to be levied against BP and any other responsible entities go to the Federal Treasury leaving the impacted states' recovery financially stranded. The Gulf Coast communities, already environmentally and economically wounded, will have to bear the costly burden of economic and ecosystem recovery and restoration. S. 1400 corrects this injustice by redirecting 80% of the fines to the Gulf Coast states damaged by the worst environmental disaster in our nation's history.

S. 1400 will:

- ◆ Establish the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund made up of the 80% of the Clean Water Act fines levied in response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill for ecosystem and economic recovery and restoration projects. This is in line with the recommendations of the Gulf Coast Restoration Task Force, chaired by Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus, and the National Oil Spill Commission's 2011 report on the BP spill.
- ◆ Establish a Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council and a Comprehensive Plan for the Gulf Coast
- ◆ Establish a Long-term Science and Fisheries Endowment and Gulf Coast Centers of Excellence
- ◆ Provide flexibility for Gulf States to determine the strategies and projects that will best improve the long-term resiliency of their individual economies and ecosystems

PEP encourages the Senate's Environment and Public Works Committee to increase the percentage of fines that Alabama will receive in recognition as one of the states that has had and continues to have a substantial economic impact from the spill. Alabama's portion of the fines can fund the key environmental and economic and restoration projects needed to protect and enhance our unique Alabama coastal treasures and strengthen community resiliency to future disasters.

PEP salutes Senators Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions for their leadership in sponsoring this bill that will help restore and protect our coastal resources while putting our people back to work and back on the beaches – for decades to come.

Take Action: Please contact our Alabama Senators to thank them for their leadership and to encourage them to push forward to have this bill passed and signed into law. Contact Senator Barbara Boxer and express your support for S. 1400.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ES&H Environmental Safety and Health Consulting

Energy Pipe and Supply

GSI Services, Referred by Hargrove E+C

Hilton Garden Inn, Referred by ExxonMobil

Homewood Suites by Hilton

Mayer Electric Supply, Referred by MMR Constructors

RCT, Inc., Referred by MACC

Signal Ship Repair, Referred by Akzo Nobel

S & S Tapping Service, Referred by Firetrol

THANK YOU to our Referring Members!