



November 2013

### November Event: WEAT and TPWA Joint Facility Tour

**W**EAT and TPWA are teaming up to invite you to a Facility Tour *next week*. Thanks to the City of Houston, we'll be getting a first-hand look at the systems in place at the:

#### Almeda Sims Sludge Drying Facility



#### Almeda Sims at a glance:

- Wet sludge processing system to screen/thicken/feed sludge
- **Dewatering system**
- Sludge drying system to produce a dried biosolids material
- **Dried material storage & loading system**
- Sludge is processed into an exceptional quality Class A biosolids fertilizer product called Hou-Actinite



We'd like to thank the **City of Houston staff** for making this tour possible. Register *today* and take advantage of this opportunity!

#### Facility Tour Information:

**Date:** Wednesday, November 13th\*

**Tour Sponsors:**

**Location:** 12319 1/2 Almeda Road, Houston, TX



**Parking:** Free parking available in front of the Operations Building



**Agenda:** 11:30 AM Start (Tours every 35 minutes)



**Cost:** \$10 at the Door (Includes Lunch)

**Registration Info:**

**Deadline:** Monday, November 11th

WEAT > [weatsoutheast@gmail.com](mailto:weatsoutheast@gmail.com)

TPWA > [tpwa-se-november.eventbrite.com](http://tpwa-se-november.eventbrite.com)

**\*Please register by sending an e-mail to WEAT or through TPWA's Eventbrite page no later than Monday, Nov. 11th to ensure you have a lunch. All money will be collected at the door.**

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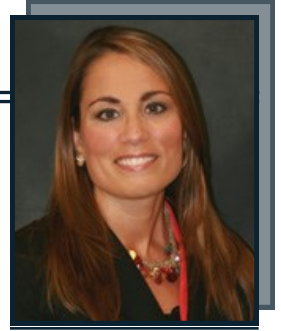




## The President's Message

Dear WEAT Southeast Section Members,

I can scarcely believe it is already November! However, the cooler weather we are experiencing provides us with ideal conditions for our upcoming tour on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at the City of Houston's Almeda Sims Sludge Drying Facility. We are thrilled to once again be partnering with the local Southeast Branch of the Texas Public Works Association (TPWA), and know that their participation will only increase the success of the event. In addition, I would like to thank the City for graciously giving us the opportunity to visit one of their most unique facilities, as well as our sponsors for their generous support.



**Sarah Berkey, P.E.**  
Southeast Section  
President

Our last meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> with Texas State Representative Bill Callegari was a huge success, thanks in large part to all of you and our many sponsors. Further, I think the information shared at this, and many other similar venues around the state, directly contributed to spreading the word about the importance of bolstering our state's water resources, which resulted in the passing of Proposition 6 earlier this week. Thank you to all those who prioritized getting out to the polls to support this effort!

Finally, I would like to encourage everyone to stay tuned for details regarding our upcoming half-day seminar with the Southeast Chapter of the Texas American Water Works Association (TAWWA), which will be held in February 2014. We have initiated the planning process, and are excited about the prospect of working jointly with TAWWA again this year on what promises to be a great event.



I look forward to seeing you all on the 13<sup>th</sup> for the tour, and albeit a little premature, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a happy holiday season.

Sarah



## # FYI ... STAY INFORMED

### Upcoming water - related events around Texas ...

**Collection Systems Conference and Expo**

January 22-23 | San Marcos

**Gulf Coast Water Conservation Symposium**

January 25 | Houston

**Texas Water Conference**

April 14-17 | Dallas

## WEAT Section 9 Calendar

November 13, 2013	Facility Tour *
January 24, 2014	WEF/WEAT Nomination Deadline
February 2014	Annual Seminar (1/2 Day Format)
March 2014	Annual Clay Shoot Tournament
May 2014	Engineering Ethics
July 2014	State WEAT - Sponsored Seminar

\* Registration deadline is this Monday, November 11th

## September Lunch with Rep. Callegari a Success

### A Summary of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session

Representative Bill Callegari  
Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT)  
September 2013



Over 100 of you gathered at the Westchase Hilton on Sept. 13th to hear from State Rep. William (Bill) Callegari.

Mr. Callegari, a Licensed P.E., shared his thoughts, insights and experiences with water-related issues across Texas.



Bill Callegari & Sarah Berkey

WEAT also wants to thank the 8 companies who sponsored this event.

We appreciate your support.



## Young Professionals



Next YP Event | **Arcade Social!**

When | **Thursday, November 21st**  
**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**



### Penny for your Thoughts

We'd love to know what you think...

If you have an idea for a future YP event, don't be shy!

Please send your ideas to Ambarish ([ambarish.ravi@aecom.com](mailto:ambarish.ravi@aecom.com)) or Daniel ([daniel.olson@arcadis-us.com](mailto:daniel.olson@arcadis-us.com))

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## WEF & WEAT Awards - State Level Nominations

### Two Questions for you

- 1 Do you know someone remarkable in the Texas water/wastewater community?
- 2 Do you know anyone that deserves recognition for outstanding work and service to our industry?

If you answered **Yes**, please help us to honor these folks by submitting your awards nominations to:  
 Kim Chanslor [chanslorkm@cdmsmith.com](mailto:chanslorkm@cdmsmith.com) OR Randy Bush at [randy.l.bush@mwhglobal.com](mailto:randy.l.bush@mwhglobal.com)

**NOMINATION DEADLINE: January 24, 2014**

## wef Awards

### Arthur Sidney Bedell Award

...acknowledges extraordinary personal service to WEAT

### George W. Burke, Jr. Award

...recognizes municipal and industrial wastewater facilities for active and effective safety programs

### William D. Hatfield Award

...recognizes operators of wastewater treatment plants for outstanding performance and professionalism

### Laboratory Analyst Excellence Award

...recognizes individuals for outstanding performance, professionalism, and contributions to the water quality analysis profession.

#### About WEF and WEAT



**Water Environment Federation**  
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Founded in 1928, the **Water Environment Federation**

(WEF) is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization of 36,000 individual members and 75 affiliated Member Associations representing water quality professionals around the world. WEF members, Member Associations, and staff proudly work to achieve our mission to provide bold leadership, champion innovation, connect water professionals, and leverage knowledge to support clean and safe water worldwide.



**The Water Environment Association of Texas**

(WEAT) is made up of about 1,600 Texas professionals who have dedicated their careers to protecting and enhancing our state's water resources.

For a complete list of past awardees, award categories, criteria, and nomination forms, go to [www.weat.org/awards.shtml](http://www.weat.org/awards.shtml)



## Awards

*Lifetime Achievement Award*

*Pillars of the Profession Award*

*Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Year Award*

*Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Year Award*

*Emerging Leader Award*

*Medal of Honor for Heroism*

*Sidney L. Allison Award*

*Winfield S. Mahlie Award*

*T. L. Satterwhite Award*

*Ronald B. Sieger Boisolids Management Award*

*Alan H. Plummer Environmental Sustainability Award*

*Exemplary Employer Award*

*Award for Excellence in Environmental Policy and Regulation*

*Medal of Honor for Heroism*





## Our November Tour Sponsors

WEAT Section 9 would like to recognize the companies whose **generous support** helps to enable technical and educational events that further our mission:  
*Protecting and enhancing our state's water resources. THANK YOU!*

### Tour Sponsors



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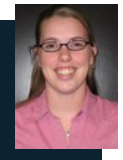
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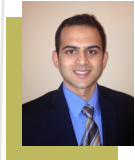
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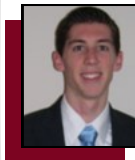
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