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Alabama Chapter Air & Waste Management Association Newsletter

Click below to find us on LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram so you'll be the first to receive notifications of upcoming conferences, networking opportunities, and the latest A&WMA news.



Like & Follow the Alabama Chapter Page now & please share the pages and events to other environmental professionals!

We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming meetings!

Jessica L Rayfield

AL Chapter A&WMA Secretary



2025 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

LAST YEAR'S RECIPIENTS



Amelia Poolos is a senior at The University of Alabama. She will graduate in May 2025 with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science with a minor in Biology and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. On campus, she is a member of Medicine and Community, Alpha Omicron Pi, and the Pre-Physical Therapy Society. In her free time, Amelia enjoys traveling with her family, playing tennis, going to the lake and cheering on the tide!



Marissa Millege is a senior at Auburn University majoring in Chemical Engineering. As part of her degree, Marissa completed internships at EnergySolutions and Georgia Pacific. Additionally, she is an undergraduate research assistant for the Auburn stormwater facility and is active in the Outdoor Activity Club and the Fish and Loaves homeless care ministry. Upon graduating, Marissa hopes to pursue a career in sustainable energies.

[APPLY NOW!](#)

The Alabama Chapter of the Air and Waste Management Association (A&WMA) is happy to announce that it will be awarding up to two \$1,000 Environmental Scholarships to students attending an Alabama college or university.

Eligible candidates should be pursuing a scientific degree in an environmentally related field. Environmental degree programs qualify, as well as any science-based degree program with additional environmental exposure, such as an environmental co-op. The deadline for scholarship submission is [June 30, 2025](#), & the selected scholarship recipient(s) will be notified by **August 1, 2025**.

We encourage you to share the form to any students who are residents of Alabama and may be interested in this opportunity. Applications and official transcripts should be emailed to alawma@gmail.com or mailed to the following address:

Alabama Chapter - A&WMA Environmental Scholarships
P.O. Box 3256
Montgomery, AL 36109

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- Official high school or college transcript w/ current GPA
- 250-300 word essay (see application on website)
- If a graduating high school senior, ACT/SAT scores and an acceptance letter from their chosen college or university



SOUTHERN SECTION SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF A&WMA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE AVAILABILITY OF TWO \$1,500 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR. THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OPEN TO GRADUATE-LEVEL STUDENTS PURSUING A COURSE OF STUDY AND RESEARCH IN FIELDS RELATED TO AIR OR WATER QUALITY, WASTE MANAGEMENT, POLLUTION PREVENTION, ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY/COMPLIANCE/LAW, OR SUSTAINABILITY. APPLICANTS MUST ALSO BE ATTENDING A FULL-TIME GRADUATE SCHOOL PROGRAM AT A UNIVERSITY WITHIN THE AREA OF THE A&WMA SOUTHERN SECTION (I.E., ALABAMA, GEORGIA, MISSISSIPPI & TENNESSEE) FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE SECTION'S STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW ALL SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS. THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY MAY 31 AND AWARDED AT THE SOUTHERN SECTION ANNUAL MEETING, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE FROM AUGUST 27-29, 2025, AT THE BEAU RIVAGE RESORT & CASINO IN BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT WWW.SS-AWMA.ORG OR CLICK THE LINK BELOW.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MAY 2, 2025.

[LINK TO ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION](#)



2025 Alabama Chapter Membership

It's time to renew your membership.

With the rapidly changing environmental industry, there's no better way to stay up to date and involved than to become a member of the Air & Waste Management Association. As a leading international association for environmental professions, A&WMA has more than 5,000 members, 34 Sections, and 65 Chapters worldwide. The Alabama Chapter would appreciate your support as it continues to expand educational opportunities and encourage fellowship in the environmental community.

With this membership, you are an Alabama Chapter member and part of the Southern Section of A&WMA.

Memberships are active January 1 - December 31 of each year. You must pay dues each year to remain an active member. Membership dues are **\$25.00** (+ fees if using a credit card). If you wish to renew or become an active member of the Alabama Chapter, you may do so by credit card on our website or by clicking the "Become a member now" button. If you would rather pay by check, complete the form located on page 5 along with a check made payable to the Alabama Chapter A&WMA and mail to the following address:


Alabama Chapter - A&WMA
P.O. Box 3256
Montgomery, AL 36109

A Few Reasons to Join:

- NETWORKING
- EVENTS & TRAINING
- GLOBAL ORGANIZATION
- STAY INFORMED
- CAREER GROWTH
- PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES
- LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
- OPPORTUNITES FOR CEU

Plus so many more!

BECOME A MEMBER NOW!



Besides being a Chapter Member, there's opportunity to become an international member of the organization. You can find out more on the association's website at:

www.awma.org

If you become an A&WMA International member this includes your local Chapter membership.



AIR & WASTE MANAGEMENT
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New Member or Renewal Invoice

Associate Dues

Please remit \$25.00, by check or PayPal for annual dues of the A&WMA Alabama Chapter and Southern Section. Of the \$25.00 fee, \$15.00 is retained by the Chapter and \$10.00 is paid to the Southern Section of A&WMA. If you choose to pay by PayPal, please remit \$27.25 to alawma@gmail.com and send a copy of this completed form to our chapter email. Please note, the additional charge is to cover processing fees associated with PayPal. Checks should be made payable to **Alabama Chapter A&WMA** and mailed (along with this completed form) to:

A&WMA Alabama Chapter
P .O. Box 3256
Montgomery, AL 36109

Are you an A&WMA International Member? ___ Yes or ___ No
A&WMA International Membership renewal date: _____*

** Disregard this invoice if your renewal date is current because Alabama Chapter dues are included in A&WMA International Membership Dues. Please note you are not required to become an international member of A&WMA to be a Chapter member. Memberships are active until December 31st of each year.*

Please submit current member information for our records:

Today's Date _____

Name _____

Affiliation /Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Another option is to pay dues online using a credit card by scanning the QR code or visiting the link below:

[**Pay 2025 Alabama Chapter Dues**](#)

Scan to pay dues



Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Chapter at alawma@gmail.com

Commission Renames Coastal Field Office

ADEM's new field office in Mobile has been named the "Lance R. LeFleur Coastal Alabama Field Office."

On February 14, the Alabama Environmental Management Commission voted unanimously to approve a resolution to change the name of the facility.

Gov. Kay Ivey's Deputy Chief of Staff, Brooks McClendon, attended the meeting at the ADEM Main Office in Montgomery. He read a letter from the governor expressing her gratitude to Director LeFleur for his dedication to Alabamians, the environment, and the construction of the state-of-the-art facility in Mobile, which officially opened a year ago.

Following the ceremony at the

Commission meeting, Director LeFleur thanked Gov. Ivey, the Commission, and ADEM employees for the distinction of having the new facility named in his honor. In fact, he gave all of the credit to ADEM employees.

"Every place where it says 'Director LeFleur' on the new office, we need to replace that with 'the personnel at ADEM,' because they are the ones responsible for whatever good things that have happened in the last 15 years," said LeFleur.

The resolution from the Commission states that ADEM's new 15,000 square-foot office in Mobile is "emblematic of Director LeFleur's accomplishments at ADEM, enhancing efficiencies, modernizing systems, empowering ADEM staff, and protecting Alabama's environment." The Commission also noted that Director LeFleur has announced his intent to retire on May 1, "marking years of exceptional service to the citizens of the State of Alabama."



L-R: Commission Chairman Frank McFadden, Director Lance LeFleur, and Brooks McClendon at the EMC meeting on Feb. 14 in Montgomery



The LeFleur Coastal Alabama Field Office in Mobile

The Lance R. LeFleur Coastal Alabama Field Office is a first of its kind. It combines green infrastructure with numerous environmentally friendly features to help sustain Alabama's natural resources.

The facility has a parking lot that is paved with rubber-modified asphalt produced with recycled tires. "Rain Chains" are in place to take water from building's metal roof to underground cisterns for storage, and a retention pond on site helps to manage stormwater. A curved front façade on the building produces a changing effect as the sunlight and shadows move through the day, reflecting the dynamics of the hydrological cycle. The office also includes an electric vehicle charging station, LED lighting, and design functions to maximize natural light that contributes to efficiency.

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During the Alabama Environmental Management Commission meeting on December 13, 2024, Director LeFleur announced his intention to retire from his position, effective May 1, 2025. On April 11, 2025, the Commission voted to narrow its search for the next Director of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. Another announcement is planned for June 2025.



Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council

Advancing solutions to address environmental challenges, fostering a cleaner and healthier environment.



JOINING ITRC

ITRC members are part of a global network of environmental professionals representing government agencies, private industry, academia & public stakeholders



ESTABLISH CONNECTIONS

Collaborate with environmental professionals & increase knowledge with other environmental program leaders.

INCREASE PROJECT EFFICIENCY

Access ITRC products and services to increase efficiency, value, and acceptance on managed projects.

EDUCATE & TRAIN ON ENVIRONMENTAL TOPICS

Co-author new documents & trainings to help environmental professionals learn new technologies & solutions.

2025

NEW PROJECT TEAMS

Green & Sustainable Chemistry

GOAL: Develop a framework that considers the intersection of green chemistry, materials management, and circularity for contaminants and toxic chemicals. **Duration:** January 2025-December 2026



Sustainable Management of Waste From Energy Resources

GOAL: Develop a framework for managing waste from energy production sources with a focus on renewable energy production. **Duration:** January 2025-December 2026



Underwater Munitions Response Technologies

GOAL: Develop guidance for detection, classification, characterization, recovery, and disposal of underwater munitions. **Duration:** January 2025-December 2026



Advanced Site Characterization Tools (ASCT) Update

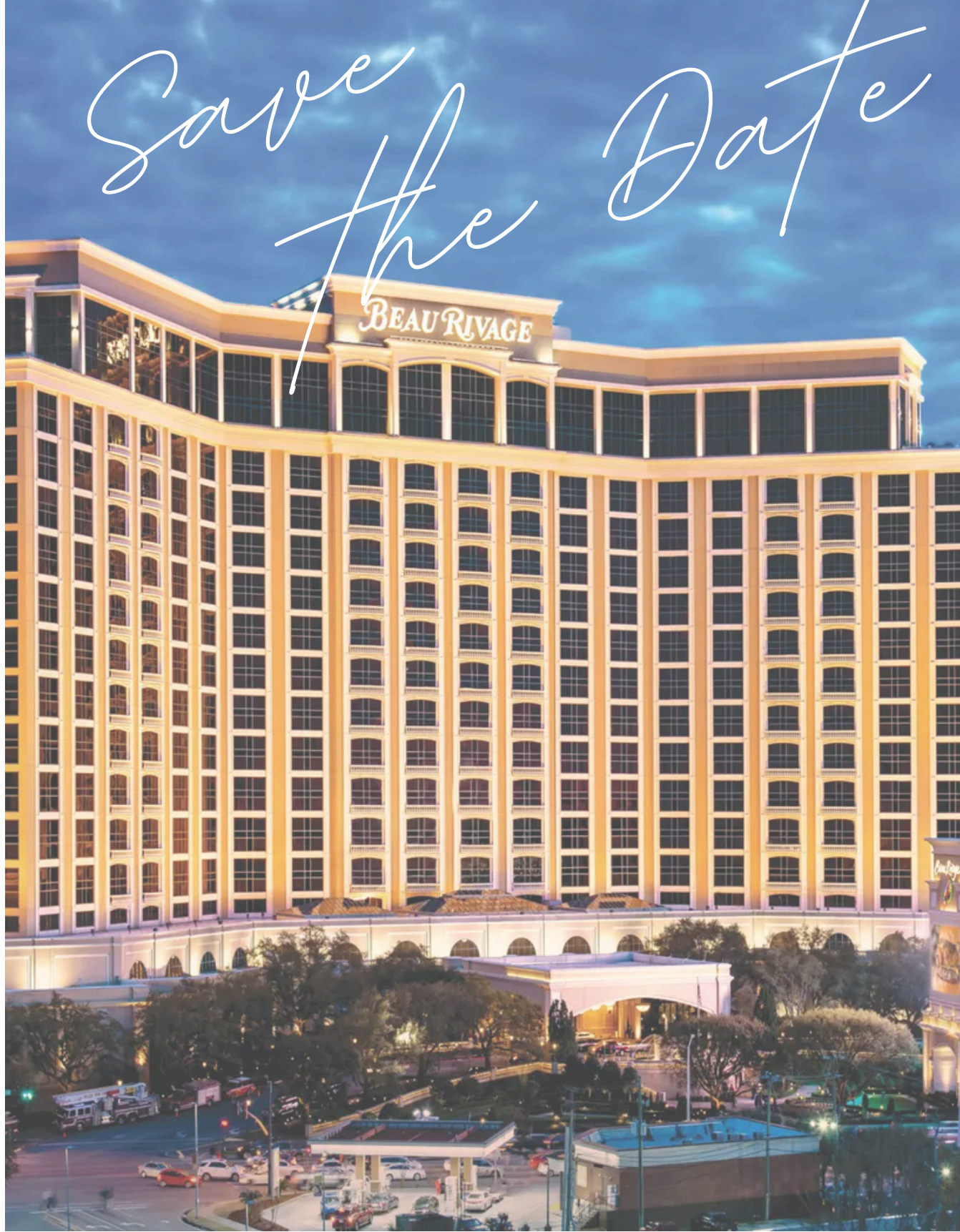
GOAL: Update the 2019 ITRC ASCT Guidance with new technologies, regulations, & site types to further the implementation of ASCT. **Duration:** June 2025-December 2026



JOINING TEAMS

ITRC members contribute to Project Teams and Programs. Membership is open to representatives from government, the private sector, academics, and public stakeholders. Other affiliations or individuals who share ITRC's strategic direction and mission and dedicate time and provide substantive input to ITRC may also be eligible for membership.

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Save the Date

*Hosted by the Mississippi Chapter
of A & WMA*

A&WMA SOUTHERN SECTION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

August 27-29, 2025

If you have ideas for topic proposals, please contact Betty Ruth Fox at

bfox@watkinseager.com

www.ss-awma.org/mississippi

Event Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 16 - April 17	<u>ASTSWMO Mid-Year Meeting</u>
April 17 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	<u>Unveiling the Mysteries: PFAS Chemistry & Transformation (Webinar)</u>
April 17 12:00 - 1:00 PM	<u>Coastal Plains/Big Bend Virtual General Meeting</u>
April 23 - April 25	<u>Air Quality Measurement Methods and Technology Conference</u>
April 29 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	<u>Staying Current on PFAS Health Effects and Assessing Environmental Risk (Webinar)</u>
April 29 - May 1	<u>SWANA Regional Meeting</u>
May 1 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	<u>Low-Cost Air Quality Sensors: Interpretation and Use (Webinar)</u>
May 7 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	<u>From Regulations to Software: A Review of NSPS Kc and TANK 5.1 for Storage Tanks (Webinar)</u>
May 13 - May 15	<u>Advancing PFAS Treatment and Remediation Solutions</u>
June 6 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	<u>2025 Joint Florida/Alabama 36th Annual Technical Conference</u>
June 9 - June 12	<u>ACE 2025 A&WMA 118th Annual Conference & Exhibition</u>

FOR LOCAL EVENTS

Visit our website: www.ss-awma.org/upcoming-events