

CEMS April Luncheon – Hybrid Format

Updates to the Petroleum Storage Tank Regulations (7 CCR1101-14)

**Mary KV White, Petroleum Remediation & Storage Tank Fund Supervisor,
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Tuesday, April 8, 11:45am-1pm

In Person Location: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)

CEMS April Luncheon (Hybrid Format) Details and Registration

Please join us in person if you are able, or virtually if you prefer!

CEMS has applied for one (1) CLE credit for this presentation.

The Petroleum Storage Tank Regulations (7 CCR1101-14) were updated and took effect on January 1, 2025. Significant changes to Article 5 (Release Response) were made to soil and soil vapor Risk-Based Screening Levels (RBSLs), the addition of contaminants of concern, and outlining the Tiered Risk-Based Closure employed in the Petroleum Program. This talk will focus on the changes in the 7 CCR1101-14 and provide guidance on the way Regulations should be implemented by stakeholders.

Mary KV White serves as the Supervisor of the Petroleum Remediation and Storage Tank Fund in the Division of Oil and Public Safety. She earned a bachelor's degree in Geological Sciences with a minor in Geography from the University of South Carolina, her hometown. Mary has nearly 25 years of experience conducting site assessments and remediation for petroleum-contaminated sites, hazardous waste sites, and nuclear-contaminated sites across the Southeastern United States, working within State and federal regulatory frameworks.

For full topic information, speaker biography, and ***registration options*** follow this [link](#).

In Person Location: CDPHE, 4300 Cherry Creek S Drive, Denver, CO 80246, Building B (SE Corner), room B1E (The Crayton Room), [MAP with parking](#)

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CEMS Movie Night

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

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5:00 PM - Networking and Happy Hour

6:30 PM - Film Screening - Wildlife Theme!

7:50 PM - Panel Discussion

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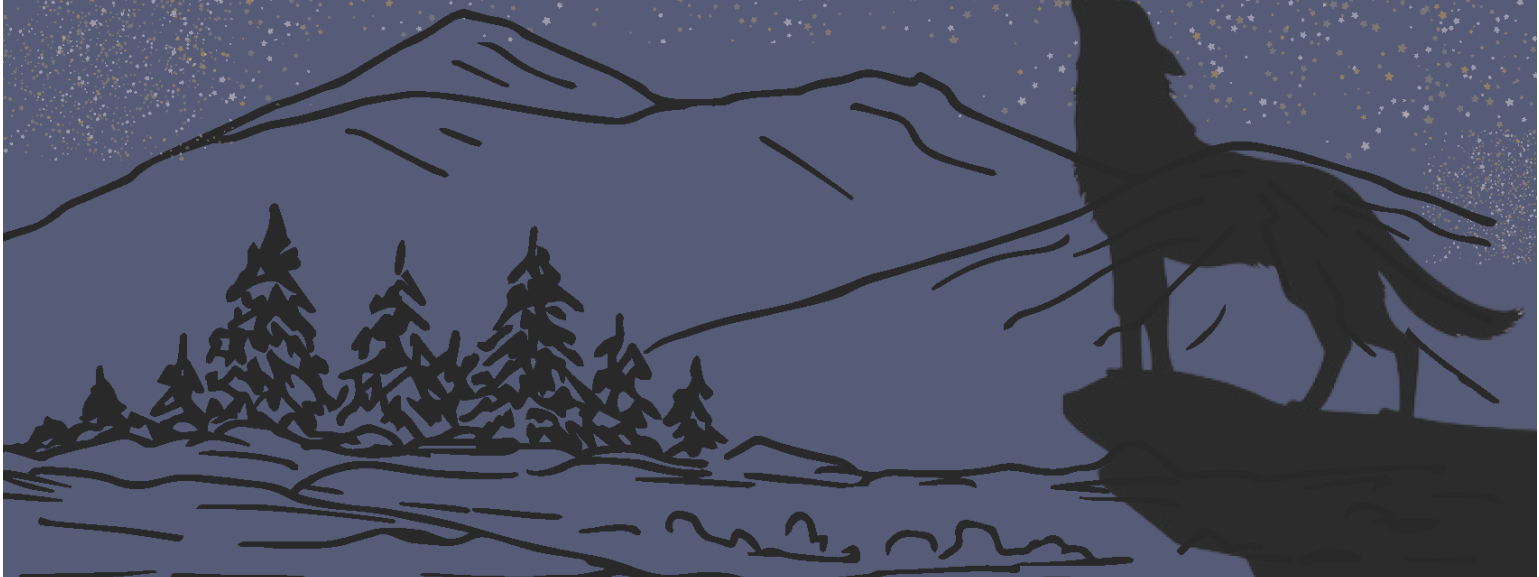
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Registration and Information



From the Board...CEMS – Growth and Changes-a-Coming? by John V. Fontana, CPG, CWD, 2024 Treasurer for CEMS, President & CEO, Vista GeoScience

I re-joined CEMS way back when it was still called the Colorado Hazardous Waste Management Society. I was first active on the program committee, served as a Board Director, President (in 2015) and since then, in the Treasurer's position on the board. I am proud to have served on the board, meeting and working with so many other great professionals in our field. It's a great feeling to be part of something that provides so many good educational and networking opportunities to our professional community.

Every year we put on a full day **Fall Conference**, a **Spring Social** (Movie Night most recent years) and **Monthly Educational Luncheons/Webinars**, and a **Charity Golf Tournament** to raise money for student scholarships! This past year, we AGAIN gave out \$9,000 in scholarships. New this year, we held the **New Years' Confluence of Colorado Environmental Organizations**, a super gathering of CEMS, SWEP, CGWA and RMAEP, which was a huge success, so we hope to do that again. We have also been adding some **Young Professional** events, including one in Fort Collins, to reach more members up there. We promote other educational events including **EPIC RemFest** and **Enviro-Workshops** most recently. Upcoming March 28, we have a great tour of the NSF Ice Core Facility, followed by a Happy Hour networking event. Our next luncheon/webinar will be on "**Updates to the Petroleum Storage Tank Regulations (7 CCR1101-14)**" by Mary White of the CDLE-OPS. Our **May Social, Movie Night**, will again be at the Sie Film Center event will be a little different this year with a theme on Local Wildlife Issues. The committee always puts together a great panel for thoughtful post screening discussions, and everyone looks forward to this fun evening.

As the current Treasurer for almost 10 years now, I can tell you that we have managed to significantly increase the number of networking opportunities and events during that time, while maintaining the same membership fee during that entire period. Our board has pride in the fact that we keep our event fees lower than equivalent events that larger organizations charge for similar events, thanks to the hard-working volunteers we have. We do this by trying to budget all of our events, so they are self-funding and either break even, or make a bit more. The exception is the Charity Golf Tournament where we wrangle in generous sponsors, and it's the sponsor fees that brings in the extra cash to fund the scholarships. In all, we have a cashflow in and out of around \$70,000 each year. We had a good cash reserve when I first started as Treasurer, but our membership fees have not

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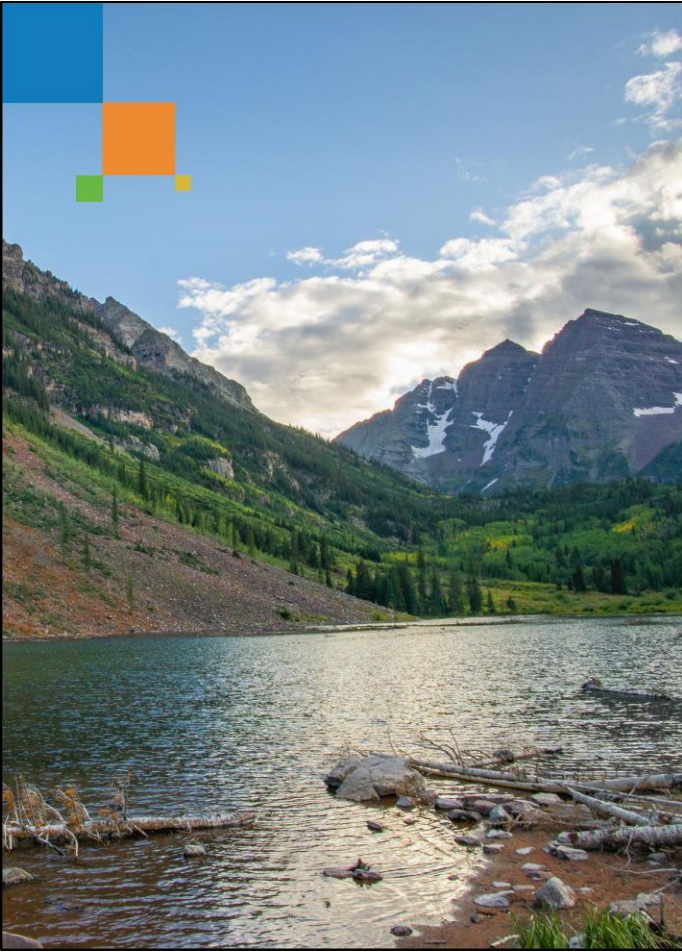
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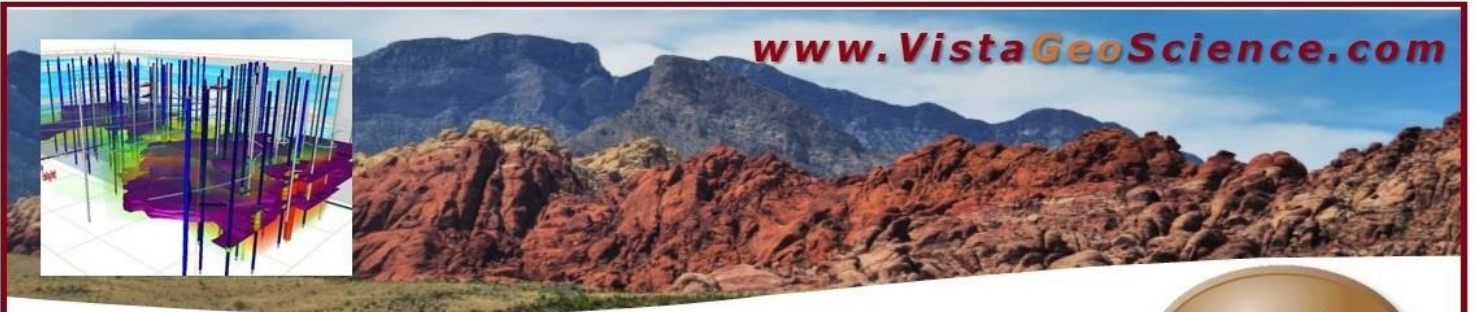


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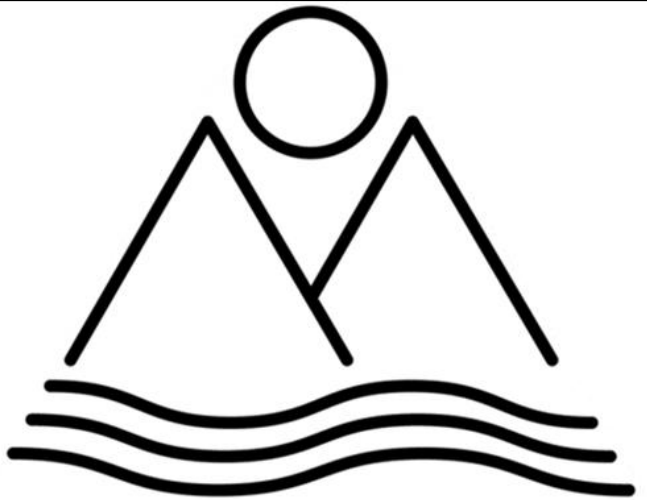
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CEMS REGULATORY UPDATE FEDERAL AND STATE ACTIONS IMPACTING COLORADO

**By Peter D. Jaacks
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March 2025**

On February 21, 2025, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [extended](#) the comment deadline for the January 17, 2025, proposed rule to clarify the timeframe for when companies must first notify a customer that one of its mixtures or trade name products contains a per- or polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) listed on the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI). The Biden EPA proposed the rule in response to questions from industry regarding the effective date of supplier notifications for PFAS added to the TRI pursuant to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (NDAA). Stakeholders questioned whether the supplier notification requirements for such PFAS begin on January 1, when the PFAS are added to the statutory TRI chemical list, or upon EPA completing a rulemaking to include the added PFAS in the Code of Federal Regulations. EPA has reopened the comment period to allow interested parties additional time to review and analyze thoroughly how the proposed rule may impact parties potentially subject to it. Comments are due March 24, 2025.

On February 25, 2025, the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) [published](#) an interim final rule removing its National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations from the Code of Federal Regulations. Effective April 11, 2025, CEQ's rule removes all iterations of its NEPA regulations, which federal agencies and developers alike have relied on in permitting projects since the 1970s. This rule follows the D.C. Circuit's holding in *Marin Audubon Society v. Federal Aviation Administration*, which concluded that the CEQ lacks authority to issue binding NEPA regulations. Citing these decisions and President Trump's Executive Order (EO) 14154, "Unleashing American Energy"—which revoked President Carter's EO 11991 that served as the basis for CEQ's NEPA regulations—the rule has now made it clear that CEQ's NEPA regulations will be rescinded in full.

On March 13, 2025, EPA [announced](#) it will reconsider 31 EPA actions, including the Agency's 2009 Clean Air Act finding that greenhouse gas emissions endanger public health and welfare along with many of the Agency's flagship Clean Air Act regulations. The actions for reconsideration include: New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) regulations for the oil and gas industry; the 2009 greenhouse gas endangerment finding under the Clean Air Act and actions that rely on that finding; greenhouse gas reporting program; various regulations on power plants, including Clean Power Plan 2.0 and Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) Light-duty, medium-duty, and heavy-duty vehicle regulations; National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for PM 2.5. Additionally, EPA issued a separate press release announcing its intent to again revisit the definition of "waters of the United States" (WOTUS) under the Clean Water Act. This definition was revised in 2015, 2019, 2020, and 2023. That rulemaking history and intervening court decisions have left 24 states and the District of Columbia implementing the 2023 rule and the remaining 26 states applying the pre-2015 regulatory regime and the Supreme Court's 2023 decision in *Sackett v. EPA*.

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changed over that period, so our overhead expenses have crept up over the years. We had to add the webinar platform after COVID, revamp the website, and we are now undertaking a change over to **Star-Chapter** for our website and membership management software. The annual expense will be equivalent to our average website expenses in the past, but the upfront setup will be a bit more.

The board has wrangled with the question over the past few years as our reserve has dropped, **“Can we afford to do this without raising membership fees?”**

The solution is for the companies (**Consulting Firms, Law Firm, Vendors**) that benefit most from this **CEMS’s low-cost educational opportunities** could help sponsor the organization at a higher level. We solicit event sponsors specific to those events, but our administrative overhead, luncheons, webinar costs, come only out of membership fees. **We hope to avoid raising membership fees**, so we are looking to restructure our corporate fees, but also our benefits package for sponsoring our luncheons, webinars, newsletters, etc. Right now, we offer logo placement and ads in all of our webinars, luncheons, and newsletters all year long, which is great exposure, and we’ll likely add placement in the new website to that benefit. **So please talk to your company about helping keep CEMS going and affordable by supporting this great organization!**

Thank-You!

JOHN FONTANA, CPG, CWD
Current CEMS Treasurer

John is an AIPG certified professional geologist, NGWA* certified well driller, and a licensed well driller in several states. As President, CEO and owner of Vista GeoScience, John’s expertise includes business management of environmental and geotechnical drilling, exploration, high resolution site characterization (HRSC), 3D data modeling and interpretation, in-situ remediation design and injection technologies, soil gas (vapor intrusion) and stray gas investigations. John bootstrapped his first company in 1986 during the 1980’s oil bust which left him unemployed. He has nearly years of experience in these fields, and has co-authored well over 100 presentations, keynotes, papers, and workshops, including Battelle, RemTec, IPEC, and many others. John is currently serving as a subject matter expert on the ITRC Update on Advanced Site Characterization Guidance writing team, and previously assisted writing guidance on In-Situ Remediation and Hydrocarbon Remediation teams. He was also nominated to, and served on, the EPA’s Science Advisory Board on Hydraulic Fracturing’s Impacts on Drinking Water. John has served on the CEMS board as President and Past President, before taking on his current role as treasurer. John also served as a Board Advisor for the AIPG Colorado Section. John earned a degree in Geology, Oceanography and Physics from Humboldt State University in California in 1981.*

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