

EPA Alumni Association News



Association Launches Educational Effort

A large percentage of the U.S. population wasn't around in the 70's and 80's when EPA tackled some tough problems. Now they will have a new window into those years. The Association has published an interactive "A Half Century of Progress" on our web site and Facebook Page for use by the education community and the general public.

Over 20 alumni contributors produced the reports - an overview and program specific essays on Clean Air, Clean Water, Drinking Water, Pesticides, Toxics, Solid & Hazardous Waste and Superfund. Walt Barber and Vic Kimm coordinated the effort. We hope you will find it to be a valuable product and will share it with friends, colleagues, and family.

[Click here to access Environmental Protection: A Half Century of Progress.](#)

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## Newest Members

We are pleased to welcome the following members who joined since the July 2015 newsletter was distributed. Click a person's name to read their profile.

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# Protecting the Environment

## *A Half Century of Progress*

Los Angeles, California, 1960s

Cuyahoga River, Ohio, 1962



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The next phase of the project is to work with educators to tailor a version specifically to young people who now can learn about the environmental degradation that was common in the '60s, and early '70s - which many of our members confronted when they arrived at a newly established EPA. By sharing this history, noting that serious problems remain, and that new challenges are emerging, we hope that we will bring about a greater appreciation of the need for effective environmental programs as well as inspire students and others to consider careers in the environmental field.

Special thanks to our authors: **Overview:** Roy Gamse, John Bachmann; **Air:** John Bachmann, David Calkins, Margo Oge; **Water:** Jim Hanlon, Mike Cook, Mike Quigley, Bob Wayland, **Drinking Water:** Joseph Cotruvo, Victor Kimm, Arden Calvert; **Waste Management:** Marianne Horinko, Cathryn Courtin; **Superfund:** Thomas Voltaggio, John Adams, **Pesticides:** Susan Wayland, Penelope Fenner-Crisp; **Toxics:** Charles Auer, Frank Kover, James Aidala, Mark Greenwood. Thanks also to Barry Toning, Charlie McPherson, and Regina Scheibner of TetraTech which donated design and layout services for the overview. We are grateful for Joan O'Callaghan's editorial support.

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## Reminder: Annual Meeting May 5 with former Administrator Whitman

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As EPA Administrator, the former New Jersey Governor promoted common-sense environmental improvements such as watershed-based water protection policies. She championed regulations requiring non-road diesel engines to reduce sulfur emissions by more than 95 percent. During her tenure, the Administration was successful in passing and implementing brownfields legislation to promote redevelopment and reuse of previously contaminated industrial sites. She also instituted the well-regarded National Water Quality Trading program, bringing the power of market forces to bear in realizing water quality improvements.



## Board Election Underway - Please Vote

Each year the terms of some of the 15 members of our Association's Board of Directors come to an end. This presents an opportunity for all our members to vote for those who will fill these leadership seats for the next three years. This year, there are a total of 7 seats to be filled. Each member was sent a list of candidates, on March 24 and a link to the ballot. If you haven't yet voted, please find that message and follow the link to your ballot.

Voting electronically before May 5 is encouraged, but you can vote in-person at the May 5 Annual Meeting in DC.

Candidates for the Board are: Nanci Gelb, Phillip Angell, Dan McGovern, Maryann Froehlich, Tom Voltaggio, Chuck Findley, Stephen Weil, and Marylouise Uhlig.

Special Note: Our email announcing the election mistakenly listed Tom Voltaggio as a member whose term was continuing. In fact, his term is up, and that is why he is running on this ballot for another term.

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RA Jim Seif's Interview Joins Oral History Collection

Read or listen to Jim Seif's reflections on his career in environmental protection, beginning as an entry-level attorney in Region III's Legal Branch, just after the Agency was formed.

Jim's involvement with the Agency continued during his years in the private sector and as Secretary of Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection. Jim served as



Regional Administrator during Bill Ruckelshaus's second tour with the Agency and under Administrator Lee M. Thomas. Self also looks to the future and how to address remaining environmental problems: "So many other problems, however, are not amenable to either throwing money or enforcement muscle at them. Teachin' and preachin', back to Lee Thomas's term. Education in the long run, meaning societal education, not just turning out people with degrees on how to invent anti-pollution devices. It means the setting up of incentives. Taxes, yes,

although I hesitate to become a tax lawyer. That's a bad enough situation as it is, with complexity and so on. But other kinds of incentives like putting a pollutant on a market like CO₂ or SO₂, which after all was a very successful example from George H.W. Bush."

Jim's interview joins histories provided by Lee Thomas, Bill Ruckelshaus, Hank Habicht, early leaders of the Drinking Water Program, Ron Brand discussing early challenges of the Underground Storage Tank Program, and Chuck Elkins account of the development of Reorganization Plan #3, which created EPA. Additional oral histories are in development, including an interview with Former Administrator Bill Reilly and with former Commissioner of the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration in the Interior Department in the late 60's, David D. Dominick, so check back for more at: <http://www.epaalumni.org/history/>

Life After EPA





It's sometimes fun to do a keyword search of hobbies and pastimes in the Association's online Member Directory to get some idea of how people are spending their time after leaving EPA. In previous newsletters we have highlighted wine makers, car enthusiasts, singers and other musicians.

I stay in touch with my former colleague Patty Scott on Facebook. Patty retired fairly recently and has relocated from Maryland to Florida. She loves fishing! Unlike me, she is actually quite accomplished at catching fish. Nineteen of our 1,239 members indicate that they also enjoy fishing. I expect that number may be low. Only if you put information in your member profile can it be searched by key word. I won't be asking Patty about her favorite tackle for catching the impressive fish she lands, but other members may want to share information about their hobbies. If you haven't included life after EPA in your profile, why not update it? If you have forgotten your password, it can quickly be sent to the email address with which you registered.

- RW

Note from the President

Members of our Board met recently with Acting Deputy Administrator Stan Meiburg on the first anniversary of the MOU on Training and Mentoring between the Agency and the Association. Additional training sessions are being scheduled and we look forward to some of these taking place in Regional locations.

This newsletter highlights important steps the Association is taking to tell the story of what EPA has accomplished and how it has done so. The Half Century of Progress project has involved almost two dozen of our members in developing a layperson's history of achievements and remaining challenges. The authors are grateful to the many members who responded to their request last year to review and comment on drafts. Although the release of the initial "final" version of the Reports is a key milestone, the project leaders have made provision for additional comment by Association members and members of the public.

Jim Seif's interview is another building block in our efforts to capture perspectives of those who led the Agency, especially during its formative years. I hope you will read or listen to it. But our history was made by engineers, researchers, permit writers, inspectors, grants managers, personnel specialists, and support personnel. **Any** member of the Association can help tell the EPA story. Since the earliest days of our web site we have offered the ability to "Tell Your Favorite Stories" of life at EPA. While there are a few dozen of these stories in various categories, just eight members have contributed 19 stories about Early Days at EPA. It would be terrific if more members would post the funny, embarrassing, courageous, off-beat, and inspiring stories of their experiences at the Agency. I'm still chuckling over Bob Bauman's tale of his first EPA international travel. The Favorite Stories section of the web site, where you can post yours, is at this [link](#).

I hope to see many of you at the May 5 Annual Meeting with former Administrator Christie Whitman. In the meantime,
Happy Spring,

Bob Wayland

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