

Water Resources Committee
Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP)
Meeting Agenda
9:30 a.m., June 6, 2011
Hughes Metropolitan Complex
Commissioner Willis Heck, Chairman



I. Welcome and Introductions: Chairman Heck

II. Approval of the Minutes from May 9, 2011 Meeting: Chairman Heck (pg. 2-4)
Recommended Action: Approve or modify minutes as needed.

III. Approve 2011 REAP WRC Membership Information: Chairman Heck (pg. 5-8)
Recommended Action: Approve or modify membership list as needed.

IV. REAP WRC Sponsorship for ASR Tour Reception on June 20th: Chairman Heck (pg. 16)
Recommended Action: Request the REAP Executive Committee to authorize sponsorship for the ASR Tour reception.

V. 2011 REAP Water Conference Review and Discussion: Mr. Dane Baxa (pg. 9-10)
Review and discuss 2011 Water Conference venue, sessions, budget, and survey evaluation.

Recommended Actions: 1) Authorize staff to negotiate with Dean Amhaus to secure a presentation on the Milwaukee Water Council and his conference key note presentation at a future REAP Water Resources Committee Meeting. 2) Approve use of WRC Project Funds contingent upon deliberation and authorization by the REAP Executive Committee.

VI. Identify Action Steps for Regional Water Planning: Mr. Dane Baxa (pg. 11-14)
Based on discussion from the joint REAP and REAP WRC Meeting on May 9, WRC members were recommended to take the lead in identifying action steps for continuing a regional water planning dialogue.

Recommended Action: 1.) Develop and prioritize specific action steps including identifying necessary research information and all regional, state and national stakeholders, 2.) Direct the REAP WRC Technical Sub-Committee to continue work on technical issues.

VII. Report of the Executive Officer: Mr. Dane Baxa (pg. 15-17)

VIII. Unscheduled Business Items and Updates

IX. Adjourn

The next REAP Water Resources Committee meeting is Monday, July 11, 2011

Meeting Minutes May 9, 2011
Derby Welcome Center, Derby, Kansas
Mayor Kristey Williams, Chairman

1. Welcome and Introduction.

Mayor Kristey Williams, City of Augusta, called the meeting to order; Mayor Dion Avello, City of Derby, welcomed everyone to the new Welcome Center in Derby; members, staff and guests introduced themselves.

2. News and Announcements

Mayor Williams noted that the theme for the June REAP meeting will be legislation.

Ms. Becky Eby, graduate assistant to REAP Water Resources Committee, was presented a Certificate of Recognition for her work with REAP. It was noted that after graduating in May she will be starting as an intern at Sedgwick County.

Ms. Kate Flavin was welcomed as she is a first year graduate student and graduate assistant in the Hugo Wall School and will be serving as the graduate assistant for the Water Resources Committee.

Mayor Williams congratulated Ms. Misty Bruckner, Associate Director of the Center for Urban Studies, Wichita State University, on the birth of her son.

3. Consent Agenda and Committee Reports.

Mayor Williams noted that the Executive Committee partnered with five organizations to co-sponsor Kansas Governor Sam Brownback's first Economic Growth Summit, "Kansas Aviation: Soaring into the Future."

Mayor Williams discussed that the WSU Center for Innovation and Enterprise Engagement (CIEE) is developing a grant application for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration's i6 Green Challenge (information on page 9 of the agenda packet) and have asked REAP to provide a letter of support for their efforts for manufacturing. A more in-depth look is provided on page 16 of the packet.

Mayor Williams also talked about how REAP had been asked to nominate 13 members for the CIEE Board of Directors. Nominations were solicited and chosen based on diversity of location, rural and urban areas, aviation and non-aviation industry members and other characteristics to ensure a wide spread of diversity on the board. Mayor Williams thanked everyone for their suggestions and stated that if there were any questions to feel free to let her know.

Commissioner Willis Heck, Chairman of the Water Resources Committee, discussed the Regional Water Conference that will be held on May 26th at the Sedgwick County Extension Center. He noted that there is no fee for REAP members and the theme was "Water's Role in Economic Development."

Mr. Joe Yager, Chief Executive Officer of REAP, discussed that REAP had been asked to help promote the Export Now Conference, which will be held June 2, 2011 and is trying to reach smaller businesses.

Mr. Yager also talked about the Grain Belt Express Clean Line Community Leader Roundtables that will be discussing a high-voltage current line being developed that will connect some of the nation's best wind resources. Mr. Yager encouraged members to attend because it will affect many communities in the southern portion of the region.

Mayor Williams noted that beginning this summer the Legislative Committee will be doing a Regional Tour to visit member communities and discuss state assets for the region as well as find ways REAP can engage these communities.

Mayor Williams requested the board members review the consent agenda. Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County, moved (Commissioner Chip Westfall, Harvey County) to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Special Presentation – “Strategies for Regional Water Supply”

Dr. Ed Flentje, Wichita State University, introduced the presentation by noting that all students in the MPA program must pass a Capstone Course, Public Decision Making, where they participate in a project examining an unresolved Community Issue which focused on Regional Water Supply this semester. Five of the students from the class, Mr. Brandon McGuire, Mr. Chase Fosse, Mr. Sid Fleming, Mr. Mike Jacobs, and Ms. Paula Downs, volunteered their time to give their presentation to the REAP members in attendance. The White Paper, “Thinking and Acting Regionally on Water Supply” is available on the website at www.reap-ks.org.

5. REAP Membership Roundtable Discussion

Roundtable discussions were held to define REAP’s role in addressing long-term supply, demand, and redundancy in water supplies for the region. Three questions were examined by the various groups: 1) What is the value for the REAP region to address regional water supply and demand and redundancy among water supplies; 2) What would the role of REAP be in this process; and 3) What information, policy issues, and partnerships are needed to further this discussion? Overall, it was determined that there is value for REAP to address regional water supply, demand, and redundancy among water supplies. Staff was directed to compile all of the discussion and notes and present the Water Resources Committee with a report.

6. Unscheduled Business Items and Updates.

No unscheduled items were discussed at this meeting.

7. Adjourn.

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned.

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4/11/2011	
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Ms. Ellie Skokan	Bel Aire
Mr. Dale Shaffer	Benton
Commissioner Jeff Masterson	Butler County
Mr. Kent Brown	Clearwater
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Mayor Dion Avello	Derby
Ms. Kathy Sexton	Derby
Mr. Phil Alexander	Derby
Mayor Tom McKibbin	El Dorado
Mr. Herb Llewellyn	El Dorado
Mr. Kurt Bookout	El Dorado
Mr. John Bailey	El Dorado
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Mr. John Waltner	Harvey County
Mr. David New	Haysville
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Mr. Randy Riggs	Newton
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Mr. Keith Lawing	Workforce Alliance
Ms. Angela Buzard	WSU
Dr. Ed Flentje	WSU
Mr. Joe Yager	WSU
Mr. Dane Baxa	WSU
Mr. Brandon McGuire	WSU
Mr. Chase Fosse	WSU
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2011 REAP Water Conference Evaluation Discussion

1. How would you rate the conference overall?
2. Do you think the venue was appropriate for the event?
3. What did you like MOST about the conference?
4. What did you like LEAST about the conference?
5. Would you be interested in additional educational opportunities offered by the REAP Water Resources Committee about any of the conference session topics?
 - The Kansas Water Office, Reservoir Sustainability Initiative
 - WaterOne, Regional Public Water Utility
 - The REAP Water Resources Planner
 - Regional Businesses Perspectives on Long Range Water Planning
 - City of Salina, Creating a Water Supply Access District
 - City of Mulvane, Innovative Water Solutions for Water Intensive Economic Development
 - City of Paola, Creating a Regional Water Utility
 - Water Pricing and Capacity for Economic Development (Jeremy Hill)
 - Secretary of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism
 - Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources
 - Environmental Finance Center
 - Policy Discussions for Sustaining the Ogallala Aquifer
 - Legislative Updates on State Water Policies
6. What topics or speakers would you like to see presented at the next Regional Water Conference?
7. Would you be interested in having a video-conference presentation from Dean Amhaus about the Milwaukee Water Council?
8. Do you think this conference is better annually or bi-annually? Should we conduct half day summits on specific water issues, and if so, what frequency?

2011 REAP Regional Water Conference Proposed Budget

Sedgwick County Extension Office, Wichita, KS - May 26, 2011

based on 120 Participants

	2009 Actual	2010 Proposed	2010 Actual	2011 Proposed	*Updated As of 6/1 2011 Actual
Expenditures					
Room Rental	\$135.00	\$325.00	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Food (breakfast, lunch and breaks)	\$2,466.20	\$1,000.00	\$790.80	\$900.00	\$1,091.00
Printing	\$130.40	\$150.00	\$187.16	\$190.00	\$190.00
Supplies	\$95.94	\$100.00	\$18.75	\$30.00	\$32.16
Audio/Visual	\$55.00	\$50.00	\$18.50	\$309.00	\$459.00
Keynote Speaker expenses	\$523.54	\$200.00	\$40.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
Additional speaker honorariums/mileage reimbursement/gifts		\$0.00	\$446.36	\$400.00	\$318.75
Table cloth rental	\$112.00	\$290.00	\$286.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other expenses	n/a	\$200.00	\$60.40	\$150.00	\$0.00
TOTAL Expenditures	\$3,518.08	\$2,315.00	\$2,172.97	\$2,779.00	\$2,090.91
Total estimated cost per person		\$23.15	\$21.95	\$28.07	\$21.12
Revenues					
Sponsorship (@\$250 each)	\$1,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
Registration (@ \$50 or \$65 each for non-REAP members)	\$780.00	\$1,250.00	\$950.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,995.00
Total Revenues	\$1,780.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,450.00	\$2,750.00	\$3,745.00
Grand Total underwriting by WRC	-\$1,738.08	\$185.00	\$277.03	-\$29.00	\$1,654.09

Explanations :

- Keynote Speaker Expenses: Due to weather there were no expenses for the Keynote Speaker
- Food : Catering \$695.99; Sam's Club \$238.20; Dillon's \$17.33; Wednesday dinner \$196.72
- Printing: \$190 is estimated cost for printing, we are still waiting for invoice from Sullivan Gang Printing
- Sponsors estimates include 7 sponsors at \$250 per sponsor
- Registration revenue estimates include 44 non-REAP members paying \$50 or \$65 per person
- Audio Visual is an actual and includes audience response system rental fee

May 9th, 2011 REAP Membership Roundtable Discussion

Background Information

In the 2011-13 REAP Strategic Plan one of the five strategic goals is to support inter-jurisdictional planning on issues affecting economic development by promoting the benefits of a sustainable regional economy. The Water Resources Committee developed four work plan items that discuss interconnection for meeting long-term water supply, redundancy, and assessing information and models of regional water plans.

REAP Members Facilitated Discussion

At the May 9, 2011 REAP meeting, members discussed addressing regional water supply, demand, and redundancy in water supplies in the region. Below is a summary of their discussions.

It was determined that there is value for REAP to address regional water supply, demand, and redundancy among water supplies. The benefits of REAP addressing the issues were:

- Having a **neutral party to facilitate and build trust** amongst regional water providers.
- Creating **efficiencies** through redundancies between water providers.
- **Maximizing utilization** of existing water resources.
- **Aligning long term goals** for water quantity and quality in the region.
- Discussing growth issues regionally and finding **common interest** between water providers.
- Providing **education and learning opportunities** on regional water planning.
- **Focusing dialogue** on an affordable, high quality, sustainable water supply for our region.

The roles that REAP can play during this process are:

- Taking the **lead role in facilitating regional dialogue** by convening technical experts, engineers, state and federal agencies, and making recommendations to the REAP board.
- Providing **unbiased research and discussion forums** to build trust among partners.
- Maintaining **focus of discussion** on affordable, quality water in the region.

To continue this dialogue, additional research of information, policy issues, and partnerships include:

- Identifying state agencies and other partners for coordination.
- Conducting or identifying research of water financing, supply, and demand in the region.
- Identifying state water laws, regulations, and opportunities for regional water planning discussions.
- Expanding research on maximizing the use of the El Dorado Reservoir.

Based from the discussion at the meeting, staff has identified the following next steps:

- Request the REAP WRC to identify and research necessary information, engage all regional, state and national stakeholders, and take the lead role in continuing the regional water planning dialogue.

Posted on Sat, May. 21, 2011

El Dorado looking for ways to sell extra water

The Associated Press

A \$40 million pipeline could help El Dorado find a use for a surplus of water from its massive reservoir while also reducing Wichita's costs and need for recharging the Equus Beds aquifer, according to a group of Wichita State University students.

El Dorado is looking for ways to profit from millions of gallons of water, which is currently discharged down the Walnut River and eventually flows into the Gulf of Mexico.

"Rather than flushing that water downstream, why not make beneficial use of that water?" asked Kurt Bookout, El Dorado's director of public utilities.

A 19-member group of Wichita State graduate students researched regional water supplies this spring and recommended that Wichita and El Dorado build a pipeline to carry water from the reservoir to the Equus Beds wellfield north of Wichita. The pipeline would reduce the need for the third and fourth phases of the city's aquifer recharge project, which takes water from the Little Arkansas River, treats it to remove farm chemicals and injects it into the aquifer, the students said.

The recharge project pumps water into the aquifer only about a third of the time because the river isn't always above its average flow level. It also uses aquifer water for about 40 percent of its municipal supply.

The student group said Wichita could operate its pumping facilities more often if the pipeline to the El Dorado Reservoir was built, and perhaps delay or eliminate the need for the third and fourth phases of the recharge project. The two remaining phases are expected to cost millions of dollars and provide another 60 million gallons per day of recharge water, The Wichita Eagle reported.

The U.S. Corps of Engineers discharges water from the El Dorado Reservoir when it reaches a certain level to provide more storage in the event of a flood.

El Dorado could lower its minimum lake level by about 5 feet without disrupting boating. The move could also reduce the number of walleye flushed out near the dam, Bookout said.

El Dorado could sell 25 million gallons a day about three quarters of the time. Wichita uses an average of 67 million gallons a day and is expected to need 101 million gallons a day by 2050.

The students calculated that raw water from El Dorado is 40 percent less expensive than the raw water Wichita pumps from the river, considering the money Wichita has invested in the aquifer project and El Dorado has invested in its water system.

The El Dorado Reservoir water could be sold to more small communities, used as a source of raw water for the aquifer recharge project or as treated water sold to Wichita.

But Herb Llewellyn, El Dorado's city manager, said the city is mostly interested in selling treated water that is ready to drink because it would allow other cities to use the pipeline without building treatment plants.

"We want to make sure we understand the cost associated with it and kind of figure out what we would sell water for," Llewellyn said.

Wichita City Manager Robert Layton said he's open to the pipeline idea but wants to consider other options before beginning the third and fourth phases of the aquifer recharge.

"If it's cost effective, I think it could make a lot of sense for the region," Layton said.

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Posted on Sun, May. 29, 2011

More people deserve say in El Dorado water plan

A May 17 article in The Eagle told of how El Dorado hopes to sell water from its nearby lake to Wichita.

It's a cool idea with the way ground water supplies are dwindling.

But while promoting the idea, Kurt Bookout, El Dorado's director of public utilities, said the lake could be lowered five feet and not hurt boating or fishing.

Say what? That's a lot for a lake with so much shallow water.

Two men who work at the lake — Wildlife and Parks fisheries biologist Craig Johnson and state park manager Seth Turner — hadn't been contacted about the plan and disagreed with Bookout's view.

"I would seriously disagree," Johnson said. "I'm looking at a spot that if we were five feet low, I would be in about (eight inches) of water and I'm probably 400 yards from shore."

He figured a five-foot drop would remove about 1,300 surface acres of water from the lake that's about 8,000 acres at conservation pool.

Johnson said big draw-downs can be good or bad. Timing is everything.

Johnson said young fry and fingerlings often don't survive well when summer draw-downs don't leave a lot of shallow cover where they can go to escape bigger fish.

He also wondered what would happen if a long drought hit after El Dorado had drawn large amounts of water from the lake.

Turner said a five-foot drop would greatly affect boating.

"That would really impact the boat ramps. We'd only have a few boat ramps where people could launch safely," he said. "You couldn't use most of the courtesy docks, either."

Turner and Johnson predicted such a draw-down would lead to boats becoming beached or running into submerged objects.

Turner remembers a time when the lake was about 4 1/2 feet low about 12 years ago.

"Boating was bad," he said. "I'd hate to estimate how many stranded boat calls we had. Guys would buzz along where they normally had for years with no problems and the next thing they knew they were on a sandbar."

He fears low water could hurt attendance at Kansas' largest and most-used state park. Last year, El Dorado State Park hosted about 900,000 visitors.

"Who wants to go camping if you have to walk a long way across mud flats to get to water?" Turner said. "It would pretty much destroy use of the beach."

El Dorado's new water plan is in its early stages. It's not known how much impact an added draw down would have on lake levels. Bookout said last week that the city might put minimum lake levels in place for drawing water.

He also said with the added revenue from selling water, the city could start investing in things that would help the lake, especially when it was low from drought or draw-down.

El Dorado has won national awards for environmental projects. The town is full of avid outdoorsmen, Bookout included.

And water for human consumption is far more important than water for walleye fishing or jet skis.

El Dorado has every legal right to sap most of the water from the lake if it would like. It's in a great and possibly profitable position.

But we'll never replicate something as simple as water. Water's importance out here on the plains is going to continue to grow

rapidly, too.

But El Dorado surely doesn't want to scuttle one of its claims to fame. Not many towns in America have an 8,000-acre lake at the edge of the city limits.

Let's hope their water plan progresses well. But it's time to include some folks in the know to represent anglers, boaters and campers, too.

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Report of the Executive Officer

Kansas Water Authority

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback appointed Mr. Gary Harshberger as Chairman of the KWA

“Gary has a long history of accomplishments and success. His expertise in rural, water and agriculture issues as well as a deep understanding of the needs of the people of Kansas will enable him to perform his duties with distinction and honor to help grow our state's economy and create jobs,” Governor Brownback said.

“I am honored to have been appointed by Governor Brownback as the new Chair of the Kansas Water Authority”, Harshberger said. “This is an exciting time for Kansas and water issues. Kansas is known for being forward thinking with water resources and I am glad to be able to continue growing and serving our state in this capacity. As we all know water is imperative for our citizens, industry and businesses and ultimately, our state’s economy.”

Mr. Pat George Designates Ms. Sue Schlapp to represent Department of Commerce on KWA

Former City of Wichita council member Sue Schlapp will be representing for Pat George and the Department of Commerce as an ex officio member on the Kansas Water Authority. Ms. Schlapp attended her first KWA meeting on May 18th and 19th in Hill City, and looks forward to continue serving on the KWA. Sue is currently serving as the Senior Constituent Liaison in South Central Kansas for the State Department of Commerce.

KWA to Examine “Use It or Lose It” Regarding Water Right Abandonments

At its May 18-19 meeting in Hill City, the Kansas Water Authority heard a number of [presentations](#) related to management of the Ogallala aquifer and considered an Ogallala policy initiative with a focus on reviewing the issue of water right abandonments through nonuse, commonly referred to as “use it or lose it.” This arises because some people are concerned that the abandonment provisions in the Kansas Water Appropriation Act may be a deterrent to water conservation.

As a result of these concerns, the chair of Kansas Water Authority and the director of the Kansas Water Office will select a committee to study the issue of water right abandonment and develop a draft policy section on this topic for the Kansas Water Plan, subject to public comment and further action by the authority prior to adopting the policy.

More information about water right abandonment and “use it or lose it” is available in the Kansas Water Authority’s website at <http://www.kwo.org/index.htm> and click on the Kansas Water Authority tab located on the left side of the page.

Equus Beds Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Project Funding

The final budget included a net increase of \$11,390 over the Governor’s 2012 recommendation of \$652,141, or a final amount of \$663,531. The final amount represents a \$100,000 increase over last year’s award of \$563,531.

REAP Regional Water Conference Summary

The Committee thanks all those who could attend the 2011 REAP Regional Water Conference: "Water's Role in Economic Development." The conference was a success with more than 120 people in attendance and positive initial comments about the featured speakers, including, Tracy Streater, Director of the Kansas Water Office who kicked off the conference when the scheduled speaker was unable to attend due to weather. In addition Kansas Wildlife and Parks Secretary Robin Jennison spoke about water's role in attracting tourism in Kansas, and Kansas Senator Carolyn McGinn gave some closing remarks regarding 2011 water related legislation.

In addition a panel discussion moderated by Robert Layton, Wichita, featured REAP Member Kent Hixson, Mulvane, as well as the city managers from Salina and Paola who gave their unique collaborative solutions to address water issues in their communities. There was also a business panel discussion moderated by Commissioner Dave Unruh, Sedgwick County, featuring representatives from USD 259, Via Christi, and Spirit AeroSystems who discussed their organizations conservation efforts and the impact it plays on our region's water supply. Ron Appletoft from Johnson County Water One also presented on the history and lessons learned developing a regional public water supply.

Additional information and presentations are available online at <http://reapks.org/conference.html>. Conference evaluations have been sent to all conference participants, and the deadline for feedback has been set for June 17th. We will review conference evaluations at the REAP WRC Meeting on July 7th.

Upcoming Conferences and Training Opportunities

Tour of the Equus Beds Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Project

Please note this Save The Date for a tour of the Equus Beds ASR project on Monday, June 20, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The tour will begin at the farmstead of Senator Carolyn McGinn north of Wichita near Sedgwick. After stops at various points of the ASR project, the tour will conclude at the McGinn farmstead with a reception acknowledging the legislative support for ASR. Detailed directions will be provided later.

For questions and registration please contact Denice Bruce at 316-206-1408 or at Denice.Bruce@pecl.com

Governor Brownback's Ogallala Aquifer Water Summit

Governor Brownback is hosting a series of economic summits across the state concerning a variety of issues. This is a part of his overall effort to increase economic activity and reform state government. An Ogallala aquifer summit will be a part of this effort and is tentatively set for **June 21st at Colby Community College** in Colby, KS. The goal of the summit will be to identify ways Kansas can conserve the aquifer while growing the economy.

The Governor and Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman have already received significant input on water issues as they have traveled around the state. One consistent theme in these interactions has been water right abandonment or "use it or lose it" policies and laws. In recent years there has been some legislative activity regarding this issue but it clearly has not been resolved.

The water right abandonment law (K.S.A. 82a-718) is seen by some as an impediment to conservation in general and in particular to the Ogallala-High Plains aquifer. Some water right holders are hesitant to conserve water by not pumping for fear they will lose their water right and the related economic value.

REAP staff will forward more details on the event as they become available, or you can check the Kansas Water Office website at <http://www.kwo.org/>.

2011 Kansas Environmental Conference

August 16 – 18, Capitol Plaza Hotel/Manner Conference Center, Topeka

Registration is now open for the 2011 Kansas Environmental Conference. The conference provides updates on environmental issues, regulatory compliance information, new technologies and pollution prevention. Don't miss this opportunity to get up to speed with environmental regulations and interact with KDHE staff.

On Tuesday, August 16, the KDHE Bureau of Environmental Remediation and the Technical Assistance to Brownfields Program at Kansas State University will offer a Brownfields workshop. This is a great opportunity to learn more about resources for redevelopment within Kansas communities. The conference will kickoff on Wednesday, August 17 with a plenary session on the *State of the Kansas Environment* presented by John Mitchell, Director, KDHE Division of Environment. Concurrent sessions will cover various topics related to air, water, waste, remediation, sustainability and pollution prevention. The conference will close with a plenary session on the *Status of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) in Manhattan* presented by Tim Barr, NBAF Site Manager for the Department of Homeland Security.

After the conference, you have the opportunity to tour Frito Lay's biomass boiler facility. There is no additional cost; however, the tour is only open to the first 40 registrants.

For additional information on the conference or to register as a participant or an exhibitor, visit the conference website at http://www.kdheks.gov/sbcs/environment_conf.html. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Cathy Colglazier at 785-296-0669 or ccolglazier@kdheks.gov.