

Aquatic Toxicity Testing Course for Teachers and Watershed Monitoring Organizations

We are writing to you regarding our upcoming 26th Annual Meeting for the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry North American (SNA) Conference Meeting that will be held November 13-17 at the Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland. The meeting theme is “Environmental Science in a Global Society: SETAC’s Role in the next 25 Years”. We expect over 2000 nationally and internationally recognized scientists and managers to attend the conference.

As part of our continuing effort to involve local educators in annual meetings, SNA will offer an environmental education short course targeted toward junior and senior high educators and watershed monitoring organizations. The course is entitled *Basic Aquatic Toxicity Testing Methods for Educators and Watershed Monitoring Organizations*. Participants will learn about the basics of aquatic toxicology, watershed pollution sources, hydrological cycle, sample collection, and test species selection. The course will also provide a hands-on testing method that has been applied to assess aquatic toxicity for watershed studies in California. The instructors have presented this short course at a variety of scientific meetings over the last seven years, including at several SNA annual meetings and Northern California SETAC regional chapter meetings. In addition, the instructors have also conducted several training workshops for teachers and watershed researchers in Sacramento, California. Bring your enthusiasm and join in creating new and exciting solutions for aquatic pollution problems.

The course is offered on Monday, November 14 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Baltimore Convention Center. In order to promote teacher involvement in the course, SNA is offering the following to teachers only:

- **A registration fee of \$15 must be paid in advance to hold your place. Registration must be done through the SNA website at www.setac.org/baltimore (Teachers may disregard the \$120 course fee posted on the website for SETAC members and pay \$15).**
- **Costs associated with providing substitute teachers (maximum of \$110 in Baltimore area) will be covered on a first-come, first-serve basis.**
- **Free box lunches will be provided**

All other participants will pay the course fee posted on the website. We strongly encourage those taking the course to register for the entire SNA meeting and attend some very thought provoking platform and poster session. Since we expect an enthusiastic response to this offer, and the course is limited to 30 participants, please enroll as soon as possible. If you have any questions about the course, please feel free to contact Stephen Clark sclark@pacificecorisk.com or at (925) 313-8080. We look forward to meeting you in November.