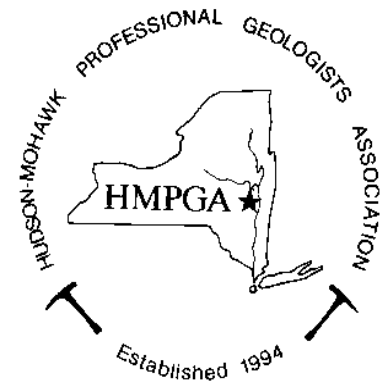


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"New York State's Waste Tire Beneficial Use Initiative"

Abstract: There are approximately 35 million tires in both legal and illegal waste sites throughout New York State. As a responsible state agency, NYSDOT is taking steps to assist DEC with the cleanup of waste tires by providing a market for their use. This market consists primarily of using shredded tires as a replacement for conventional embankment fill. NYSDOT's first step was to demonstrate that it could safely construct such an embankment. In 1999, NYSDOT progressed a pilot project in Broome County that used 267,000 tires to construct an off ramp from Route 17. To date, the ramp is performing very well. During construction, a network of monitoring wells was installed and groundwater samples were collected quarterly over a four-year period to analyze and assess the impact of metals on groundwater quality. Four additional projects utilizing recycled shredded tires have been initiated by NYSDOT since the construction of the pilot project. For these projects, monitoring wells have been constructed both up- and down-gradient from the proposed shredded tire embankments prior to construction. Groundwater samples have been collected and analyzed to establish a pre-construction baseline against which post-construction water quality will be compared.

About the Speakers

Don Dwyer is an Associate Soils Engineer for the NYSDOT. Mr. Dwyer is head of the Highway Design and Construction Section, which provides geotechnical support and quality assurance for all Department projects. He and his staff also provide geotechnical support and technical assistance for emergency repairs from floods, highway washouts, as well as for routine maintenance. Currently, Mr. Dwyer is spearheading the beneficial use of recycled materials in highway construction in NYS, notably including the use of recycled scrap tires. Mr. Dwyer is a graduate of the State University at Buffalo, and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. He is a licensed engineer in NYS, and serves on several technical committees of the National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP), as well as on two technical committees of the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

Hank Willems is an Engineering Geologist for the NYSDOT. He works in the Subsurface Exploration Section, which conducts geotechnical drilling for NYSDOT highway projects and performs environmental investigations at NYSDOT facilities. Mr. Willems also coordinates groundwater sampling for petroleum spills at NYSDOT sites statewide, and has directed the installation of monitoring wells and groundwater sampling for tire shred embankments constructed on NYSDOT projects. Mr. Willems is a graduate of Oberlin College and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Geology.

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MARCH'S Meeting and Event Information:

When: March 15, 2006

Schedule:

Calaway Grill
The Saratoga Room
(attached to the Wingate Inn)
254 Wolf Road, Latham

Board Meeting	4:30pm
Social Hour	5pm
Dinner	6pm
Program (free)	7pm

Dinner:

\$10.00/person for student members
\$20.00/person for members
\$22.00/person for non-members

Notes:

Vegetarian or fish meals are available with prior request. Individual will be responsible for the cost of dinner unless a cancellation notice is received 24 hours prior to the meeting. Walk-ins will be charged an additional \$2.00.

Reservations: Reservations are required for dinner attendance. Call or e-mail Diane Welch at (518) 348-6995 or dwelch@alphageoscience.com by noon on **March 15, 2006**. Please register even if you are only attending the Program.

Thank you in advance!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow HMPGA Members!

First, my thanks to Sam Gowan, Alpha Geoscience, for presenting an interesting talk on the science and art of aerial photographic interpretation at the first annual Cadwell Lecture. Sam's aerial photos of the historic development of Love Canal were a vivid reminder of why Superfund was created and of the importance of paying attention to institutional controls. His photograph of Elk Basin took me back to the days of my youthful exuberance as a field student at YBRA.

This month, Don Dwyer and Hank Willems will be speaking on NY's Waste Tire Beneficial Use Initiative; a project in which DOT has converted over 1.4 M tires into a material suitable for use in highway construction.

Also, a reminder that now is the time to sign up for the "SOIL VAPOR MONITORING, VAPOR INTRUSION, AND INDOOR AIR" workshop being presented by Blayne Hartman. The workshop will be held on Tuesday April 18th at the Crossgates Banquet House, Rapp Road & Washington Avenue Extension in Albany, New York. I am pleased to announce that the course has qualified for 6 PDHs by The Practicing Institute of Engineering, Inc. (Troy, New York) and 6.5 Continuing Education Credits (CECs) by the CT LEP Board. We also anticipate that the MA LSP Board will approve the course for LSP Credits.

I look forward to seeing you all at the talk and short course,

Regards, Bill

(Bill Wertz works for the Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Environmental Remediation)

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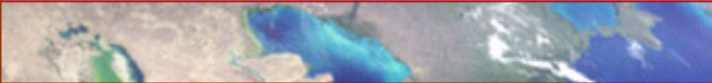
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8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Registration 7:30 - 8:30 am

Cost:

HMPGA Member (before March 1):	\$125
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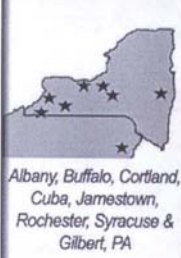
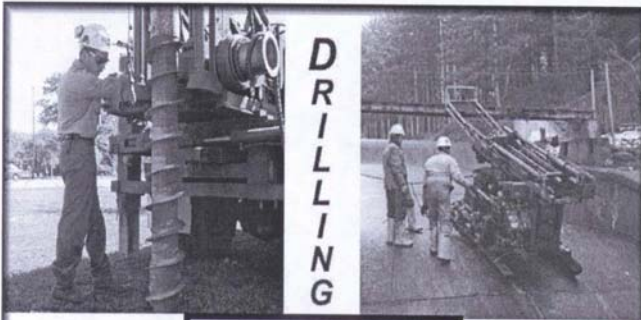
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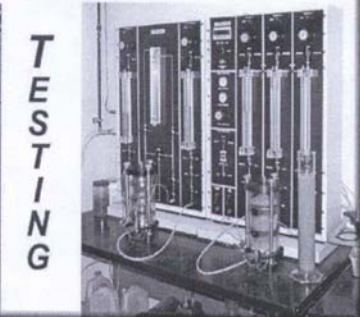
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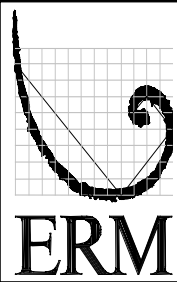


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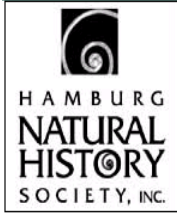
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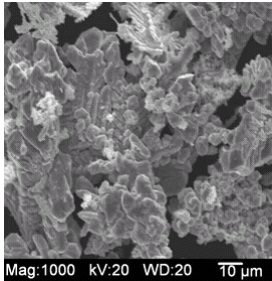




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The Environmental Breakfast Club meets at the Holiday Inn Turf on Wolf Road in Colonie, New York. Meetings start at 7:30 am. The cost is \$12 per person which includes a full breakfast buffet.

*March's Topic of discussion:
Recent Advances in Ground Penetrating Radar Investigations*

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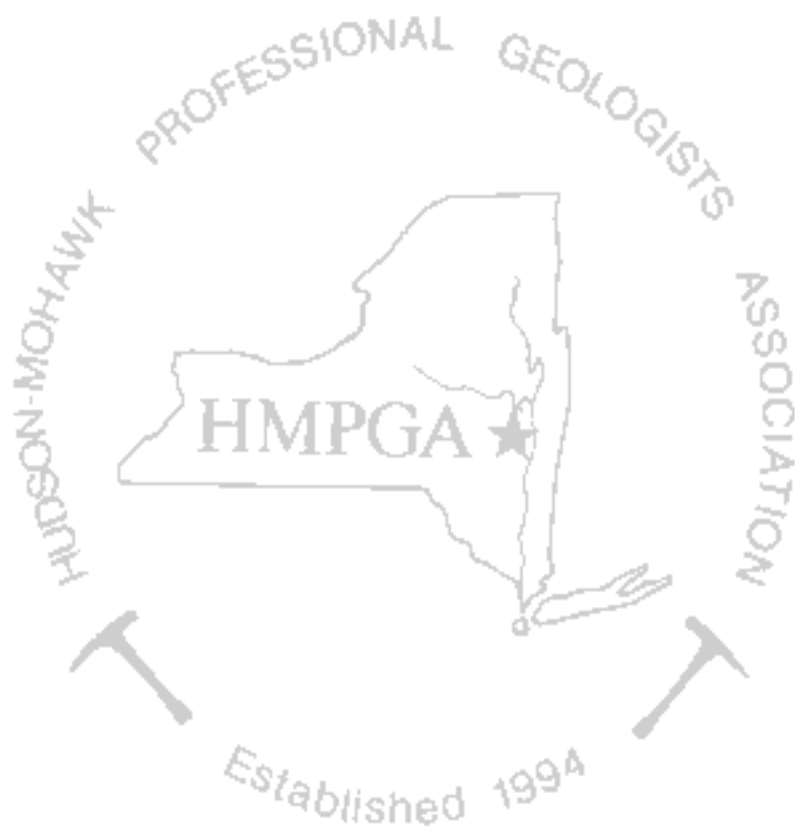
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