



Weekly Update - August 4, 2023

Welcome to ACEC/MO's Newsletter! With this email, you'll receive all of the top updates in our organization, as well as new features. To login to your account make sure you've got your username and password handy!

This newsletter will provide an update on our organization. Check your email each week for more updates.

Items included in this ACEC Missouri Weekly Update are listed below.

- **Past & Upcoming Events** (*ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy Highlights; Register Now for ACEC/MO's Summer Meeting & 7th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament on August 24-25*)
- **Liaison Committee News** (*Missouri Department of Transportation (Headquarters) Liaison Committee Meeting; Missouri Department of Transportation (St. Louis District) Liaison Committee Meeting*)
- **Industry News** (*Public Comment Period and Public Hearing on The Draft Wastewater Operating Permit for Denali-Jacksonville Storage Bin*)
- **Member Information & Calendar** (*ACEC/MO EEA Project Competition Begins - Entries Due October 24; Calendar of Events; Member News*)

If there is something you would like us to include in the weekly updates, or if you need anything else, please contact the ACEC/MO staff: [Morgan Mundell](#) or [Dawn \(Hill\) Danison](#).

LIAISON COMMITTEE NEWS



Missouri Department of Transportation (Headquarters) Liaison Committee Meeting

The Missouri Department of Transportation (Headquarters) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on May 31, 2023, at MoDOT. Committee members in attendance were: Buddy Desai, Dave Diestelkamp, Kevin Fuller, Bob Gilbert, Aaron Kober, Vicki LaRose, Kevin Wallace, and Joel Weinhold. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- MoDOT Staff Changes
- Legislative Updates
- MoDOT On-Call Update
- MoDOT Consultants Services Contract Reviews
- Updated MoDOT Consultant Service 6-Month Outlook
- MoDOT FY Invoicing Deadline

PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS

ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy Highlights

ACEC/MO held the first 3 sessions of the 14th Annual Future Leaders Academy in May, June and July. We have a full class of 21 members attending the program. The speakers have done an excellent job so far. Below are photos from the first 3 sessions. The final session is in conjunction with ACEC/MO's Summer Meeting in August.

We will begin plans for the 2024 program soon. If you are considering sending someone from your firm to the 2024 program, please contact us now so you'll have a spot secured.



Scott Heidner, Braden Heidner Lowe & Associates, was the moderator for the FLA program. He got the participants together for an exercise as part of his presentation in Kansas City.



Brad Wilson, Stambaugh Ness, gave a presentation on Economics of Private Practice at the FLA program in St. Charles.



Roger Austin, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., gave a presentation on Establishing a Firm Culture for Business Development for the FLA program in Columbia.

- Microsoft Project Scheduling Pilot Update
- Missouri One-Call/811 Rules
- Construction Engineering Services Liaison Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2023. To see the complete minutes from this meeting, [click here](#). You can also see minutes from the most recent meetings posted on [ACEC/MO's website](#).



Missouri Department of Transportation (St. Louis District) Liaison Committee Meeting

The Missouri Department of Transportation (St. Louis District) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on June 13, 2023, at MoDOT. Committee members in attendance were: Buddy Desai, Mike Erdtmann, Howard Gotschall, Lisa Kramer, Tom Lohman, Linda Moen, JC Murray, Scott Smith, and Todd Welz. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- MoDOT Staff Changes
- Tom Blair Update
- Tom Evers Update
- Consultant Update
- Major Projects Update.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2023. To see the complete minutes from this meeting, [click here](#). You can also see minutes from the most recent meetings posted on [ACEC/MO's website](#).

**MEMBER
INFORMATION
& CALENDAR**



As part of Roger Austin's presentation in Columbia, he got the participants together to do a group discussion.



Aaron Mann, Terracon Consultants, Inc., gave a presentation on Hard Conversations – An Ethics Case Study in the Destructive Power of Conflict Avoidance and the Redemptive Power of Honesty for the FLA program in Columbia.



Andrew Ragsdale, AGC Missouri, gave a presentation on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion for the FLA program in Columbia.



ACEC/MO EEA Project Competition Begins - Entries Due October 24

It's time to begin planning for ACEC/MO's annual Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) Project Competition. The deadline to submit project entries is **Tuesday, October 24, 2023**, and they must be submitted through the ACEC/MO online [EEA portal](#). The only items you must submit to the ACEC/MO office is a USB flash drive with all the materials you submitted online and your project entry fee.

If you want to print out the Call for Entries, which includes the rules for the competition, go to the ACEC/MO [website](#). You can also click on a link from that same page to submit your project entries or click on the link above.

Important EEA Dates:

October 24, 2023
ACEC/MO EEA Project Entry Deadline

November 17, 2023
ACEC/MO EEA Judging

January 5, 2024
ACEC National EEA Project Entry Deadline

February 16-18, 2024
ACEC National EEA Judging in Chantilly, VA

February 29, 2024
ACEC/MO Awards Reception & Banquet in St. Louis

May 15, 2024
ACEC National EEA Presentations & Gala in Washington, D.C.

Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2023



Register NOW for ACEC/MO's Summer Meeting & 7th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament on August 24-25

Registration is open for the ACEC/MO Summer Meeting & 7th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament on **August 24-25, 2023**, in **Osage Beach, MO**. Below is a brief agenda for the meeting but the full schedule of events is posted on [ACEC/MO's website](#). If you register by **August 7, 2023**, for the Summer Meeting or the ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, you will receive an ACEC/MO polo shirt. The early-bird deadline to get a reduced rate is August 17, 2023. [Click here](#) to register for the Summer Meeting. [Click here](#) to register for the 7th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament.

Thursday, August 24, 2023

8:30 AM - 7th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament at The Oaks Golf Course
2:30-5:00 PM - Committee Meetings (Business Practices & Programs; Engineering Excellence; Environmental; & Transportation)
6:00-8:00 PM - Reception & Dinner Cruise on Celebration Cruises

Friday, August 25, 2023

8:00-10:00 AM - Breakfast Program
10:15-11:50 AM - Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

SPONSORS

Below is a list of the sponsors we have so far for the meeting and golf tournament. There are still sponsorship options available. If your firm would like to be a sponsor, contact the [ACEC/MO office](#) for details on sponsorship levels. THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS!!

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August 23-24 - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Osage Beach
August 24 - 7th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, Osage Beach
August 24-25 - ACEC/MO Summer Mtg. & Working Cmte. Session, Osage Beach

OCTOBER 2023

October 15-18 - ACEC Fall Conference, Austin, TX
October 24 - ACEC/MO EEA Competition Project Entry Deadline

NOVEMBER 2023

November 2 - 2nd Annual ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament, Columbia
November 2-3 - ACEC/MO Fall Mtg., Columbia
November 17 - ACEC/MO EEA Judging

FEBRUARY 2024

February 29-March 1 - ACEC/MO Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet, St. Louis

Newly added events are italicized. To see a complete calendar of events, go to [ACEC/MO's website](#).



Member News

Barr Engineering Company is pleased to announce they have been awarded on the Forbes list of America's Best Small Employers 2023.

Bartlett & West, Inc. is pleased to announce the following: **Jeff Moore** joined the firm as a Lead Project Engineer working with the Water Resources team in their St. Louis office; and the firm has been awarded on the Forbes list of America's Best Small Employers 2023.

CBB would like to congratulate **Ashley Fillback, PE**, on

INDUSTRY NEWS

Public Comment Period and Public Hearing Notice on the Draft Wastewater Operating Permit for Denali-Jacksonville Storage Basin

This public notice is for the draft operating permit for Denali-Jacksonville Lagoon (MO-0140236) located at NE corner at Intersection of County Roads 1765 & 1770, SW of Jacksonville, MO in Randolph County near a classified water body Presumed Use Stream (water body ID 5022), owned by Denali Water Solutions LLC, 3308 Bernice Avenue, Russellville, Arkansas. A wastewater operating permit application was received from Denali Water Solutions LLC on June 28, 2023, for permission to conduct storage of food processing and other organic residuals and land application of these residuals as fertilizer to agricultural fields located near the basin location at agronomic rates.

In accordance with the state Clean Water Law, Chapter 644, RSMo, Missouri Clean Water Commission regulation 10 CSR 20-6.010, and the federal Clean Water Act, the applicants listed herein have applied for authorization to either discharge to waters of the State or to operate a no-discharge wastewater treatment facility. The draft operating permit for these operations is consistent with applicable water quality standards, effluent standards or treatment requirements or suitable timetables to meet these requirements (see 10 CSR 20-7.015 and 7.031).

On the basis of preliminary staff review and the application of applicable standards and regulations, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, as administrative agent for the Missouri Clean Water Commission, proposes to issue a permit(s) subject to certain effluent limitations, schedules and special conditions. The proposed determinations are tentative pending public comment. The draft wastewater operating permit can be found here: <https://dnr.mo.gov/water/what-were-doing/public-notices>.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed permit are invited to submit them in writing to: Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, ATTN: Denali-Jacksonville Storage Basin Public Notice Comments, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176. **Please include the permit number in all comment letters.**

Comments should be confined to the issues relating to the proposed action and permit(s) and the effect on water quality. The department may not consider as relevant comments or objections to a permit based on issues outside the authority of the Missouri Clean Water Commission, (see Curd v. Mo. Clean Water Commission, 586 S.W.2d 58 Mo. App. 1979). All comments must be received or postmarked **by 5 p.m. August 22, 2023**. The Department will consider all written comments including emails, faxes and letters in the formulation of all final determinations regarding the applications. Email comments will be accepted at the following address: publicnoticenpdes@dnr.mo.gov.

In response to some recent requests, a public hearing is scheduled for **Monday, August 21, 2023**, from **5:30 to 8:00 pm**. The in-person

becoming a licensed professional engineer in the State of Missouri.

Geotechnology, LLC is pleased to announce that they have been named one of St. Louis Dispatch's Top Workplaces for 2023. This is the third year winning this title.

HNTB Corporation is pleased to announce that they were recognized by COMTO National as the 2023 Corporation of the Year.

Horner & Shifrin, Inc. is proud to be recognized as a Top Workplace for the seventh consecutive year by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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meeting will be held at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Northeast Regional Office, 1709 Prospect Drive, Macon, MO, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed permit. Public hearings or issuance of the permit will be conducted or processed according to 10 CSR 20-6.020. Anyone wishing to comment can sign up at the meeting and will be allotted time to share their comments on the draft permit.

Copies of all draft permits, hearing information, and other information including copies of applicable regulations are available for inspection and copying at the department's website at: dnr.mo.gov/water/what-were-doing/public-notices, or at: Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0176, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday. For questions, you may contact us via e-mail, above address or by telephone at 573-522-4502.