



# Newsletter

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Environmental Professionals of Iowa (EPI) is a multi-disciplinary organization that promotes education and standards of conduct and performance in the environmental field. The organization also provides a forum for environmental professionals to express a collective statement and provide a professional perspective on environmental issues.

## President's Corner

Dear EPI Members,

My name is Christian Quijano and I would like to introduce myself as the 2015 EPI President. I have been in the petroleum industry since 2004. During that time I have become familiar with environmental processes and regulation and compliance inspections and regulation. Currently, I am a Loss Controller/Licensed Compliance Inspector for Rounds & Associates/PMMIC.

First, I want to thank the other members of the Board for their hard work and dedication in the build-up to the 2015 EPI Symposium. Considering personal and professional schedules, there are not enough "Thanks" to go around in regards to the time invested for the EPI Board. Those Board members are: Past President; Angel Shawda, President Elect; James Gastineau, Treasurer; Scott Stanley, Program Chair; Bill Miner, and Secretary/Newsletter Editor; Ashleigh Armstrong. The EPI Board will be seeking to fill 3 positions in 2016 as Angel and Bill have decided to step down. If you happen to be interested in volunteering for a Board position, please feel free to contact any current members of the Board for more information. Angelique and Bill have been excellent resources and made many significant contributions to the EPI organization and I want to thank them for their dedication throughout the years.

The 2015 EPI Symposium is once again held at The Stoney Creek Inn in Johnston, IA on the evening of Monday, November 16 and Tuesday, November 17. The 2015 Symposium is looking to be a great evening and day filled with informative speakers touching on a broad spectrum of topics hoping to enhance the Iowa Certified Groundwater Professional.

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## Fall Symposium Time!!

2015 EPI Symposium will be Mon. Nov. 16- Tues. Nov. 17 at the Stoney Creek Inn in Johnston, IA!

*The Stoney Creek Inn has been selected for the Symposium and a good location with convenient parking. It also provides EPI a selection of caterers for the food selection. This event is a great time to learn, obtain contact hours and socialize with environmental professional in Iowa.*

## EPI Symposium Monday Speaker

### **Jeffrey TeGrotenhuis** **Large-Scale Petroleum Remediation at the El Dorado Refinery**

Mr. TeGrotenhuis is principal engineer and chemist for the MWH office here in Des Moines, Iowa. Since 1993, he has been involved in a variety of hazardous waste, soil and groundwater remediation projects, working for both private and governmental clients. He is currently the Global Remediation Practice Lead, a position that has provided him access to projects over the Americas and Europe, from which he has been honored to learn different methods of approaching similar problems and related lessons-learned.

#### EDUCATION:

B.S., Civil Engineering, Iowa State University, 1993

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#### ORGANIZATIONS:

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## EPI Symposium Tuesday Planning



The 2015 Symposium agenda for Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup> will include a special introduction by Representative Chuck Isenhart. Rep. Isenhart is a ranking member of the Environmental Protection Committee. He also serves on the Agricultural and Natural Resources Appropriates Subcommittee.

Also featured for the 2015 symposium will be Ms. Taryn McKnight is a senior air specialist with TestAmerica Laboratories. With over 12 years of environmental experience specializing in the air market, Ms. McKnight is responsible for providing technical guidance and support to clients, agencies and industry personnel across the country. She is well versed in the available guidance across the states for assessing Vapor Intrusion. She has participated in workgroups such as ITRC's (Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council) Petroleum Vapor Intrusion group for the purpose of developing nationwide guidance and participated in workshops as a trainer for Vapor Intrusion practitioners. With her years of industry and project management experience, Ms. McKnight is skilled in developing a sampling and analytical approach, as well as a quality program that ensures the necessary data quality objectives are being met. With a focus on understanding federal and regional guidance related to Vapor Intrusion, Ms. McKnight provides strategic support in the development of sampling and analysis plans.



**The success of EPI depends on the volunteer efforts and is a great way to welcome new members and make connections as an Iowa Groundwater Professional. Currently the Board's goal is to fill three positions. Please inquire with any of the Past or Present Board members for interest.**

## Calendar of Events



### **November 16 - 17, 2015**

2015 EPI Symposium, Stoney Creek Inn, Johnston, IA

### **November 19 & 20, 2015**

UST Certification Refresher Course, Altoona, IA

