

**Announcing the 25th Annual Meeting of the
Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry
Hudson-Delaware Chapter
April 23-24, 2009**

**Overlook Lodge and Conference Center
Bear Mountain, New York**



**HUDSON-DELAWARE
REGIONAL CHAPTER SETAC**

HDC-SETAC will meet for the first time at a location in the Hudson River Valley. In preparation for the annual meeting, **HDC-SETAC is still accepting platform and poster abstracts in all areas of environmental science, toxicology and chemistry.** Platforms will consist of oral presentations scheduled for 15 minutes followed by a short discussion. Posters may be submitted as non-competitive or as part of the student competition. Prizes for the winning posters include Graduate Students 1st place = \$500 and Undergraduate Students 1st place = \$350. All platform abstracts must be received **no later than April 16, 2009** to Ben LePage at Ben.Lepage@exeloncorp.com and poster abstracts should be sent to Dr. Nai-chia Luke at LukeN@cdm.com.

The agenda for the meeting includes two technical sessions on Thursday morning with the themes **“Hudson River: Past, Present and Future”** and **“Environmental Issues on Military Bases”**. Thursday afternoon will consist of oral presentations by HDC-SETAC members and others on a variety of topics.

The **Thursday dinner speaker will be Eric Eckl of “Water Words That Work”**, a public relations and marketing consultant who has many years experience working for and consulting to nature protection and pollution control organizations, helping them get the word out, raise money, influence policy, and change others' habits.

Friday's agenda includes six short courses on various topics:

- Investigation of Cultural and Environmental History in Conjunction with CERCLA Based Cleanups
- A 4-Step Method to Turn a Scientific Talk Into Something the Public Understands
- Mixing Zone Basics and their Implementation in the Delaware River
- Combat Communication: Strategies for Addressing a Hostile Group or a Group with a Different Point of View
- Fundamentals of PCB/Dioxin Congeners
- Introduction to Geophysical Surveys (field course).

The HDC SETAC Board of Directors is fully aware of travel and training budget reductions for many of our members, therefore, early **registration fees for the 2009 meeting have been reduced to \$50 for members and \$25 for students.** To encourage attendance by regulators, fee waivers are available, upon request, to government agency staff participating with a poster or oral presentation.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact Don Nazario (nazario@aquasurvey.com, 908.788.8700 office ph) or Gina Ferreira (ferreira.gina@epa.gov). Additional program and registration information will be posted as available at www.hdcsetac.org.