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Commissioner Lisa Jackson Speaks at 11th Annual Touchstone Award Reception Honoring 2006 Award Recipient Kathy Klein

The Society of Women Environmental Professionals of Greater Philadelphia (SWEP) honored Kathy Klein, Executive Director of the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary (PED), with its annual Touchstone Award at a special reception on Thursday, November 2, 2006. The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson, Commissioner for New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection was the keynote speaker at the event.



Speaker Lisa Jackson

Commissioner Jackson spoke about her experience with our 2006 Touchstone Award recipient, Kathy Kline, and lauded her for her many contributions. She praised Ms. Klein for her determination and commitment to the environment. Commissioner Jackson emphasized how important it was for environmental professionals, politicians and the community to do a better job of working together for the betterment of the environment. In this regard, Commissioner Jackson recognized and praised Ms. Klein for serving as a mentor to younger women and facilitating working relationships between the public and private sectors for the betterment of the environment.

Commissioner Jackson also shared about her own pursuit of a career in the environmental sciences. She stressed the importance of encouraging young women to pursue careers in the environmental sciences and the obligation to continue to mentor their development and advancement in the field. The Commissioner shared a little of her personal history in New Orleans and the loss of her family home at the hands of Hurricane Katrina. She emphasized that there is much more help needed for that region to recover. Commissioner Jackson also provided insight about her new role and



Award Recipient Kathy Klein

NJDEP. Commissioner Jackson encouraged bipartisan support in New Jersey to protect our environment for future generations.

Following the Commissioner's remarks, Jonathan Rinde, Esq. of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP introduced Kathy Klein, and SWEP of Greater Philadelphia presented Kathy Klein with the 11th Annual Touchstone Award.

SWEP's Touchstone award is presented annually to a woman who has made outstanding and significant contributions in the environmental professions. The award is an integral part of the SWEP's mission to support and promote the leadership and achievement of women professionals in this field. Kathy's dedication to the environment certainly

Kathy earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Conservation from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Since that time, she has dedicated her career to the environmental profession, with over 22 years of experience developing and implementing innovative environmental programs, including work with the City of Philadelphia Office of Recycling, PhilaPride, Inc., Urban Environmental Consulting and the Pennsylvania Environmental Council.

Through her dedication, Kathy has developed strong working relationships with people from local and regional community groups, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and the private sector. Under Kathy's leadership, the Delaware Estuary Program, a private organization and one of only 28 estuary programs in the nation, has worked collaboratively with, and receives funding from, United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and each of the three estuary states (NJ, PA and DE). As recently noted in EPA's Mid-Atlantic Region Environmental Newsletter, "Ms. Klein has made outstanding contributions for the last eight years on the preservation and restoration of the Delaware Estuary. This year alone, PDE and its partners (including EPA, other federal, state, and local agencies, academia, industry, and the public) helped to meet and exceed the region's goals by restoring and protecting over 1,700 acres of habitat and leveraging over \$28 million for the Delaware Estuary."

In addition to the above, Kathy also finds time to serve her community as a member of the Delaware Sea Grant Advisory Council. Congratulations Kathy on your well-deserved award!



**NJDEP Commissioner Honorable Lisa Jackson, Kathy Klein,
2006 SWEP Greater Philadelphia Board Members, New Jersey SWEP Steering Committee, and Friends**

SWEP-pers Network at USEPA Brownfield Conference, Boston, November 14, 2006

The 2006 NBA networking reception in Boston was highly successful. More than 40 people were in attendance including members from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Illinois and New Jersey. Many thanks to Sue Boyle of NJSWEP for organizing this networking opportunity.



2007 SWEP Membership Drive is Under Way!

It's time to renew your SWEP of Greater Philadelphia membership for 2007! To take full advantage of all the benefits of SWEP membership, you need to renew now! Renewing members should fill out the attached form and return with dues payment no later than **March 3, 2007** to avoid having your membership expire! Thank you in advance for renewing promptly!



Nanotechnology and the Environment: The Intersection of Research, Science, Technology, Risk, and Regulation

On October 24, 2006, SWEP of Greater Philadelphia held a breakfast meeting in Plymouth Meeting, PA on the emerging topic of nanotechnology and the environment. Speakers at the meeting included Dr. Kevin Reinert, Principal Toxicologist at AMEC Earth and Environmental, and Dr. Randy Weinstein, Associate Professor from Villanova University's Chemical Engineering Department.

Dr. Reinert introduced the concept of nanotechnology, which revolves around nanoscale materials 100 nanometers or less in size (about 1/800th of the width of a human hair or 1/70th of the diameter of a red blood cell). These types of materials often exhibit very different physical, chemical, and biological properties than their macro size counterparts. Dr. Reinert went on to explain that nanomaterials exist naturally (volcanic ash and viruses) or can be produced unintentionally (diesel exhaust, metal fumes). The US government currently has a nanotechnology research budget of \$1.3 billion and more than 200 nanotechnology products are currently on the market, including sunscreens and cosmetics. Little is understood about how nanomaterials behave in the environment or their toxicological effects. In some instances, they may be used to remediate spills of other materials or in medical applications, particularly in the locating and treating of tumors. In other instances, nanomaterials may be the source of contamination or adverse health effects. As such, these materials are currently not regulated under a

specific environmental agency or program, although a voluntary regulatory program is under development.

Dr. Weinstein offered fascinating examples of nanotechnology research projects currently underway at Villanova, including the use of supercritical carbon dioxide (a form of carbon dioxide somewhere between a liquid and a vapor) to decaffeinate coffee. Methylene chloride, a common environmental contaminant, has been used historically for that purpose. Villanova is also researching the use of supercritical carbon dioxide for extracting flavors from flora, and spray coatings used in the automobile industry. The benefit of the use of carbon dioxide is that it is a widely available natural resource that can be used and returned in its natural state with negligible effects on the environment. Dr. Weinstein described single-atom-thick nanowires that are being used in nano-sized semiconductors in computers. While computer processor speeds have historically doubled every two years and are projected to double every 2.5 years in the future, it is anticipated that nanotechnology will cut this timeframe to less than two years. Additionally, nanotechnology is being used to detect viruses such as anthrax at the molecular level instead of the ppb or ppt levels that have been achieved in the past. It was an enlightening session for all who attended and the Greater Philadelphia SWEP would like to thank Dr. Reinert and Dr. Weinstein for sharing their time and knowledge with us.

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MEMBER RESOURCE LIBRARY AREA ON THE SWEP WEB SITE

Dr. Randy Weinstein, from Villa Nova, and Dr. Kevin Reinert, from AMEC, spoke at the October meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter of SWEP on the topic of Nanotechnology and the Environment: The Intersection of Research, Science, Technology Risk, and Regulation. Their presentation is now available to view at www.swepweb.com. Click on 'Member Services', then 'Library'.

SWEP Greater Philadelphia Career Fair and Scholarship Awards February 8, 2007 at the University of Pennsylvania

The Scholarship Committee and Membership Committee are excited to announce the Fifth Annual Career Fair and Fourth Annual Scholarship Award Ceremony.



Date: Thursday, February 8, 2007
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm
Location: University of Pennsylvania, 3417 Spruce Street, Philadelphia
Houston Hall, Bodek Lounge

Refreshments will be provided!

Come help us celebrate the announcement of the 2007 undergraduate and graduate scholarship award winners!

This is a wonderful opportunity for all (men and women) undergraduate and graduate students to learn more about the various options for environmental professions. You can engage in informal discussions with exhibitors who are from industry, regulatory agencies, non-profit organizations, and consulting firms regarding actual employment opportunities. The exhibitors come to the event ready to find qualified candidates, and every year follow up interviews are set and attendees have found jobs!

A full brochure, as well as an exhibitor registration form for booths at the career fair is attached (and also available at www.swepweb.com).

Having Trouble Finding New Employees? SWEP Can Help!



How? Your firm can be an exhibitor at the SWEP Greater Philadelphia Annual Career Fair. The 5th Annual Career Fair is Thursday, February 8, 2007 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the University of Pennsylvania, Houston Hall, Bodek Lounge at 3417 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

This is a wonderful opportunity for firms with employment opportunities to hold interviews with prospective candidates. Students from over 20 area colleges and university students will be invited. The Career Fair has proven to be an effective method of recruiting new graduates and finding interns.

To sign up to be an exhibitor (at a cost of \$150), please see the attached exhibitor registration form. Booth set up is from 4:00 to 5:00 pm, and booth break down is between 7:00 and 8:00 pm.

For information call: Ruth Forman at (610) 935-5577 or email your question to rforman@envstd.com.



2007 SWEP Greater Philadelphia Environmental Grant Program


On January 15, 2007, the application period for the 2nd Annual SWEP Greater Philadelphia Environmental Grant Program will begin. The grant application will be emailed to members, and also will be posted on the web site at www.swepweb.com under the "Awards, Grants and Scholarships" tab. The deadline for applications will be March 16, 2007. Good luck!



KEEP YOUR INFO CURRENT IN SWEP'S ONLINE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY!

In 2002, SWEP Philadelphia switched to a web-based membership directory and discontinued the paper-based (non-eco friendly) version. The Membership Directory can be found by clicking 'Resources' on the SWEP home page and selecting 'Member Searches' from the drop-down menu. You can look up people by last name or company. You can also search by using keywords, city, or state to find specialists, if needed.

However, the membership directory is only as good as the information in it. If you have changed jobs, received a promotion, or moved, it's time to update your listing. At www.swepweb.com sign in with your username/password. Then, select your fields of expertise in the keyword list and fill in the "Business Description" with your biography. You can even upload a photograph of yourself! Please contact our Web Master – Kim Abbott at kabbott@ensr.aecom.com if you require assistance.




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SWEP MEMBER NEWS

SWEP member Cara Fox has joined the environmental consulting firm ALL4 Inc. in Kimberton, PA as a Project Manager. Cara will oversee air quality projects such as NSR permitting, Title V permit modifications/renewals, MACT requirements and compliance oversight. She can be reached at cfox@all4inc.com or 610-933-5246.

On October 10, 2006 National SWEP Chairperson, Sonya Ward attended the Fall Dinner Meeting of the SWEP Massachusetts chapter in Framingham, Massachusetts. Sonya spoke on the importance of building a network to support one's professional growth. The event was attended by approximately 50 women environmental professionals from the Massachusetts area. When asked about the event Sonya said, "I was pleased to be asked to speak at the Fall Dinner Meeting. I am extremely impressed by the group's growth over the past months, and it is clear that this is the result of the enthusiasm and energy generated by this group of dynamic women."

2007 PROGRAMS COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

The SWEP Program Committee organizes the informative and beneficial SWEP programs scheduled throughout the year. Proposed programs include: Pollution Prevention- Innovative Energy, Ozone Transport, Pharmaceuticals in the Environment, and Community Relations during Remediation Projects. **The Programs Committee needs you!** If you would like to join the Program Committee, meet other SWEP members and have fun while bringing meaningful programs to our members please contact Amy Donohue-Babiak at adonohue@ggelaw.com or 215-587-5607.



THANK YOU TO TSA COMMITTEE AND EVENT SPONSORS



The SWEP Board wishes to thank everyone who worked to make the SWEP Touchstone Awards reception a success.

Thank you to those who served on the TSA committee for their energy, creativity and dedication in making the 2006 TSA reception a tremendous success. The TSA 2006 committee includes: Nicole Moshang and Jennifer Simon (co-chairs), Beth Davison-Hyde, Lara Herzig, Sonya Ward, Deborah Shuff and Gail Osborne.

SWEP extends special thanks to our sponsors for their generosity. Our sponsors are integral to the success of our programs and events, and the growth of SWEP Greater Philadelphia. Please look for their ads in this and future editions of the SWEP Sentinel. Sponsors for the 2006 TSA reception were:

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APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR EPA POST-DOC PROGRAM

EPA's Office of Research and Development, National Exposure Research Laboratory's post-doctoral program is accepting applications through January 31, 2007! Positions are open in Research Triangle Park, NC, Las Vegas, NV, Athens, GA, Cincinnati, OH, and Washington, D.C. Details are available online at <http://www.epa.gov/nerl/postdoc/postdoc.html> for details.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND POSTED OPENINGS ON THE SWEP WEBSITE

Don't forget - the SWEP website is a great source of job opportunity listings. These listings are available to members at: www.swepweb.com. Log on with your username and password, select the "Members Services" button and select "Job Postings".

Some opportunities that have been recently posted:

- **Entry Level through Senior Project Manager (Geologists, Engineers, and Environmental Scientists)**, ENSR, Langhorne, PA and Piscataway, NJ
- **Environmental Community Relations Specialist**, PA DEP, Harrisburg, PA
- **Environmental/Project Manager**, Brinkerhoff Environmental Services, Inc, Manasquan, NJ
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- **Environmental or Soil Scientist**, Taylor Wiseman Taylor, Chalfont, PA
- **Environmental Specialist**, Environmental Liability Management, Inc, Princeton, NJ
- **Project Manager**, Environmental Liability Management Inc, Princeton, NJ

To Post a job opening, go to www.swepweb.com, select the "Resources" button, and then select "Post Job Opportunities". Fill out the form and submit it. It will be posted upon review.



SWEP ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS

Steering Committee Meeting, January 8, 2007: A Steering Committee Planning meeting will be held on Monday, January 8 at noon at the offices of ECC-Denver's office in Lakewood, CO. The following persons are currently on the Steering Committee: Dianne A. Buckheister McNeill (Chairperson), Steph Boyles (Webmaster), Lori Bandazian (Treasurer), Janet Stifflear and Laurie Snyder (Newsletter Editors), Sharon B. Procopio (Mentoring), DiLeo Griego, and Teri Bahrych. Other energetic persons who would like to be part of the Steering Committee are welcome. Please contact Dianne McNeill (dmcneill@ecc.net) for additional information.

First Program, February 5, 2007: Nancy Tuor will speak at the first program held by SWEP Rocky Mountain at noon on Monday, February 5. Nancy is the president of Kaiser-Hill Company, LLC and the CEO of Rocky Flats. Kaiser-Hill is working for the Department of Energy performing the cleanup and closure at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site under an accelerated closure contract. The Rocky Flats Mission includes the completed special nuclear material management and shipment, nuclear deactivation and decommissioning, waste management and shipment, environmental cleanup, and site closure.



Upcoming SWEP Events and Dates You Need to Know!

Check the calendar at www.swepweb.com for more events! The "Events" button is located in the top right corner.

- ❖ **Wednesday, January 10, 2007** – SWEP Greater Philadelphia Board of Directors Meeting
- ❖ **Monday, January 15, 2007** – SWEP Greater Philadelphia Grant Application available
- ❖ **Monday, February 5, 2007** – Deadline to reserve a booth at the February 8, 2007 SWEP Career Fair (see attached application for details).



- ❖ **Thursday, February 8, 2007 5:00 to 7:00 pm** - Join SWEP Greater Philadelphia for the 5th Annual Career Fair and help celebrate the award of SWEP scholarships at the 4th Annual Scholarship Awards Reception, University of Pennsylvania, Houston Hall, Bodek Lounge, 3417 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

- ❖ **Friday, March 2, 2007** - SWEP Greater Philadelphia membership dues are due!
- ❖ **Friday, March 16, 2007**– SWEP Greater Philadelphia Grant Applications due



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2007 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Please remit dues to the address provided below **by March 3, 2007.**

Also, **please update your contact information and/or corporate members** at www.swepweb.com

This form should not be used for new memberships.

New Members –To establish a new membership, please log on to www.swepweb.com and select “Join SWEP” and follow the prompt.

If you have any questions, contact Kathy Zvarick at (610) 935-5577 or kzvarick@EnvStd.com.

A. Type of Membership (Please check one):

Type of Membership	Philadelphia Only Membership Fees	Joint Philadelphia/NJ Membership Fees
Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00
Government/Non-Profit Employee	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00
Group Government/Non-Profit	<input type="checkbox"/> \$175.00	Not Available
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00
Corporate (list members below)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$450.00

B. Check Here if You Would Like to Help with one of our Committees:

- Membership Newsletter Programs Grants Public Relations
 Scholarship Web Site Touchstone Awards

C. Primary Contact Information (See back for additional info on Corporate/Group Memberships):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email (personal): _____

Email (corporate) _____ Website: _____

D. Corporate Memberships: Please List Corporate Members (list on additional page if necessary)

Name	Phone/Ext/Fax	Email

E. Send the completed form with a check to “SWEP of Greater Philadelphia” to:
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SWEP OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

2007 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

To provide more timely and accurate administration of our Corporate Accounts, SWEP of Greater Philadelphia allows each Corporate Account corporation/group to administer its own SWEP of Greater Philadelphia membership.

The person listed in the SWEP of Greater Philadelphia database will be the administrator of the company's Corporate Membership with SWEP of Greater Philadelphia. In this role, you are able to maintain your SWEP Greater Philadelphia Corporate Account. The account maintenance you can do yourself includes:

- Membership renewals;
- Addition of new employees/SWEP members;
- Deletion of members;
- Changing administrators;
- Updating company contact information; and
- Instructing new members on how to sign up.

Please see the additional instruction below.

Additional Instructions for Corporate / Group Memberships:

- SWEP Greater Philadelphia does not limit the number of members that can be listed on a corporate membership. If the space provided on the membership renewal form is insufficient, please provide a separate page containing the name, phone/ext/fax, and email for each person to be included under the corporate / group membership.
- Please establish a primary corporate /group contact who will be responsible for making sure that the members from your company are updated (removed or added) as necessary.
- **Companies joining or renewing with a Corporate or Group membership must provide a unique "corporate" email address as well as a personal email address for the primary corporate / group contact.** This is necessary because our database does not allow duplicate emails. If a unique "corporate" email is not provided, the primary contact will be unable to insert personal information in the SWEP database and notices regarding dues will not be received. This can be handled a number of ways, including:
 - Establishing an administrative person within your company as the primary contact (thereby giving that person access to update the list of members by adding or removing persons as needed).
 - Having your IT group set up a separate email for the SWEP corporate membership that is routed to the corporate contacts email so that dues notices and other emails to the corporate contact are received(e.g., SWEP@Company.com).
 - Setting up a Hotmail, Yahoo, or other free email account (again, routing it to your email so that dues notices, etc. are received).

If you have any questions at all, please contact Kathy Zvarick at kzvarick@envstd.com or 610-935-5577.



**Society of Women Environmental Professionals
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**ANNUAL
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
CEREMONY &
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CAREER FAIR**

Date: February 8, 2007 (Thursday)

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. (Refreshments will be served)

Location: University of Pennsylvania Campus, Houston Hall
Bodek Lounge at 3417 Spruce Street, Philadelphia

This is a wonderful opportunity for **ALL** (MEN and WOMEN)
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- Celebrate the 2007 SWEP Greater Philadelphia undergraduate and graduate scholarship winners
- Engage in informal discussions with members of **INDUSTRY AND CONSULTING FIRMS** regarding **POTENTIAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.**
- If you are **interested in having a booth at the Career Fair**, please download the registration form at www.swepweb.com, or contact Ruth Forman at (610) 935-5577. Deadline to register for booth space is Friday, February 2.

**In case of inclement weather, go to www.swepweb.com for announcements regarding the event.

SWEP Career Fair Exhibitor Registration Form



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The SWEP Career Fair will be held on **February 8, 2007 from 5 to 7 p.m.** at the University of Pennsylvania. Exhibitors can set up starting at 4:00 p.m. the day of the event. This is an excellent opportunity for your firm to meet and interview students for a position at your firm. Students from over 20 area colleges and universities will be there. Proceeds from the Career Fair help fund the SWEP Scholarship program.

The **cost** of having a booth at the SWEP Career Fair is **\$150**.

Please **fax this form** to Kathy Zvarick at 610-935-5583 to **reserve your space**.
Deadline for exhibitor commitments is Monday, February 5, 2007.

Billing Information:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City, State ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Amount of payment: _____ Signature _____

Career Fair Exhibitor Information:

Name of personnel attending the Career Fair: -

Title(s): _____

Any special needs/requests: _____

No. of 5X7 tables requested (\$150 each): _____

Please complete this form and **fax it to the number below**, then **mail it to the address below with your payment**. Checks should be made payable to **SWEP Greater Philadelphia**. Please send a one paragraph description of your company and the services your company offers for the program via email to Ruth Forman at rforman@envstd.com.

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If you have any questions concerning the Career Fair, please contact Ruth Forman at (610) 935-5577.

THANK YOU FOR SIGNING UP!