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# **REGIONAL EROSION PREVENTION AWARDS PROGRAM**

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# AWARD CEREMONY THIS FRIDAY-JUNE 28TH

Be there bright and early for a fantastic breakfast and an award ceremony that is sure to be upbeat and entertaining .

### When:

The ceremony will start at **7:30am**, this Friday, **June 28th**. Where:

You will find a free breakfast for you at the **Home Builders Association** Building in Lake Oswego. See <u>map on page two</u>. Specific Directions follow:

From I -5 <u>north</u> take the Kruse Way exit (Exit 292) and go straight through the traffic signal at Kruse Way onto Bangy Rd. Follow the road to the very end and the HBA building is on the right.

From I -5 <u>south</u> take the Kruse Way exit (Exit 292) and take a left at the traffic signal onto Kruse Way, drive under the I -5 overpass and take a right at the traffic signal onto Bangy Road. Follow the road to the very end and the HBA building is on the right.

I f you need additional info regarding directions the phone number at HBA is 503-684-1880

**What:** Food, Laughter, Exhibitor Displays and plenty of pats on the back, and maybe a few kicks in the .....(just kidding)!

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- To all the committee members. It goes without saying that if it were not for these fine folks the awards program would not exist! So a big Thank You to all those people with little asterisks next to there name in the left hand column and to those that filled in the gaps: George Helm, Russ Tilander, and Dawn Hottenroth w/ the City of Portland.
- And of course a huge Thank you to Fred Wright whom went way beyond the call of duty as facilitator of the awards program.

If you are interested in being a committee member this next year please contact Fred Wright @ 503-730-8690 -or- envirowrgt@aol.com



#### Special Points of Interest:



to be released articles in the Daily Journal of Commerce and the Metro Section of the Oregonian.

 A key element to the success of this program is <u>recognition</u> for the award winners. Ideas for each jurisdiction to recognize your winners are :

- Invite the award winners to be recognized at a council or board of commissioners meeting.

-Publish the companies receiving the award in you local newsletters, and or newspaper.

-Set up a display with the award winners receiving their awards at your permit counters (pictures will be available after the event).

IN THE NEWS:

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ALASKA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CONCEALING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME, JUNE 21, 2002

Gary Hitchings, an officer and director of Technic Services Inc., an Alaska asbestos abatement contracting company, pleaded guilty on May 31 to misprison (illegal concealment) of a felony by failing to report a violation of the Clean Water Act. The violation involved the removal of asbestos from the Alaska Pulp Corp. in Sitka, Alaska.

Hitchings was responsible for assuring that all asbestos containing material at

the facility was properly removed in accordance with environmental rules and regulations. During the removal, the defendant learned that slushy waste containing asbestos abatement waste was allowed to enter a drain system at the facility and flow directly into Silver Bay in violation of the Clean Water Act. However, Hitchings concealed the violation. Discharging contaminated slurry into surface waters can be harmful to fish and other aquatic life.

The case was investigated by EPA's Criminal Investigation Division and the FBI with the assistance of the EPA Office of Air Quality, EPA's National Enforcement Investigations Center and the Alaska Department of Labor. It is being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's office in Anchorage.

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