

Silver and Quicksilver Messenger Service



Project Goals

The "SAQMS" project, partially funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will help eliminate and/or reduce silver and mercury discharges into the environment through common sense management practices.

Pollution Prevention (P2) opportunities exist at all levels of most businesses' activities. From large industry to small businesses nationwide, reduction of toxic pollutants at their source and waste minimization will benefit both the environment and a company's bottom line.

These meetings will introduce cost effective management practices that can be implemented at your facility. Together we can significantly reduce the amount of silver and mercury being discharged into cities' sewage systems and the environment. Taking these steps may reduce the need for stringent regulations in the future.

Who Should Attend These Meetings?

Technicians and administrators should attend if your business or industry:

- Conducts photo imaging
- Processes x-ray film
- Has or uses any equipment or materials containing mercury and silver such as print shops, dental, medical, chiropractic and veterinary practices
- City Pretreatment Coordinators, wastewater superintendents and managers and others responsible for the protection of wastewater treatment plants and receiving stream's water quality

Why Attend These Meetings?

Business personnel will learn how to implement Pollution Prevention practices proven to be effective options in eliminating or reducing discharges of silver and mercury;

Learn about the existing Federal laws regarding your business' disposal methods of the two metals;

Partner with others to help maintain the Natural State's namesake by adopting management practices reducing the use and discharge of silver and mercury. Learn environmentally preferable alternatives for these non-renewable resources;

City representatives will see the benefits of implementing P2 projects using the less burdensome avenue of best management practices in lieu of permits with stringent, possibly unachievable numeric limits;

Learn about EPA's focus on the issue of mercury in the environment. Without measures taken now, all sources of mercury may face regulations pertaining to your day-to-day management, treatment and disposal activities. **Now is the time to act!**

Meeting Format

The three-hour meeting will be repeated three times during the day to help fit your work schedule. Presentations and material from industry experts will outline cost effective equipment alternatives, operation and maintenance and employee training issues. Introduction of best management practices applicable at your business will be made.

Host cities in four regions of the Natural State were chosen to maximize attendance for this project.



Mark your calendar to attend one and become a P2 Partner!

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Registration: FREE

There is no fee for the meetings, but pre-registration is essential to guarantee seating and adequate handout material. Please fax to (501) 682-0910, call 682-0623, e-mail (sheets@adeq.state.ar.us) or send a copy of this form **by March 26th** to Sherry Sheets, ADEQ, P.O. Box 8913, Little Rock, AR 72219-8913.

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Circle the meeting you plan to attend:

**April 16th, Little Rock, Arkansas Children's Hospital,
Sturgis Building, Chairman's Hall**

9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

**April 18th, Jonesboro, ASU, Ellis Library 8th Floor,
Board Room**

9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

**April 23rd, Springdale, Jones Center,
922 East Emma**

9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

**April 25th, Fort Smith, U of A at Fort Smith,
Baldor Tech. Center, 5100 Kinkead Ave.**

9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

For detailed directions / map to any of the meeting sites and parking, please contact: **Eddie Dickerson @ (501) 682-0019** or e-mail @ dickerson@adeq.state.ar.us



Silver & Mercury Best Management Practices

CO-PARTNERS:

Arkansas Children's Hospital

Arkansas Department of
Environmental Quality

Arkansas Department of Health

Arkansas State University
Environmental Sciences Program

Arkansas Water Environment Association

City of Fayetteville

City of Fort Smith

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Harvey and Bernice Jones Center

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Voluntary Measures NOW?

or

Regulatory Requirements in the future?

Learn How You Can Help
Make the Choice

