



## Your GR \$\$\$ at Work:

### EPA Proposes Rule

#### For Recycling F006 Sludge

AESF volunteers and the Government Relations staff in Washington, DC, have been using technical information and practical advice for a long time in efforts to get the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to make some positive changes regarding F006 sludge. Those efforts seem to be paying off. EPA Administrator Carol Browner recently signed a proposed rule concerning the recycling of certain wastewater treatment sludges from the metal finishing industry (EPA hazardous waste code F006). The proposed rule is one of the enabling actions in the Strategic Goals Program (SGP) of the Common Sense Initiative (CSI).

The rule, if finalized, would allow generators of F006 waste to accumulate it on-site up to 180 days (up to 270 days, if applicable) without a hazardous waste permit or interim status, provided the generators meet four conditions:

1. Implement pollution prevention practices that reduce the volume or toxicity of the F006 waste, or that make it more amenable for metals recovery.
2. Send the F006 waste off-site for metals recovery.
3. Accumulate no more than 160,000 kg of F006 waste at any one time.
4. Comply with the applicable management standards.

The goal of the rule is to encourage pollution prevention and recycling of F006 waste, while insuring protection of human health and the environment. Comments about the proposed rule will be accepted for 60 days following publication in the *Federal Register*.

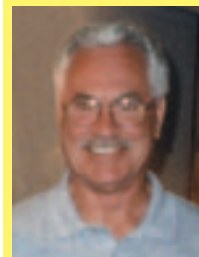
A summary of the rule and other related documents is available on the Internet from EPA (<http://epa.gov/oswer/hazwaste/gener/foo6acum.htm>). A summary of the proposed rule is also available from the NMFRC Website (<http://www.nmfrc.org>). It can be found at the top of the list of "Recent Documents." Information and paper copies of the proposed rule can be obtained by calling the RCRA Hotline (1-800/424-9346).

### Successful P2 Course Held in Buenos Aires

The Spanish version of the AESF Course on Innovative Pollution Prevention Practices was presented in Buenos Aires, Argentina, November 17-18. Sponsored by the National Institute of Industrial Technology (INTI), it was the first time the Spanish version had been taught following its translation by AESF member Gerardo Fernández of Buenos Aires, who served as one of the course instructors and organizers.

Other instructors from the INTI assisting with the course were: Cristobal Valentini, Graciela Abuin and Irene Alanis.

### Icelandic Factoid



Leif Harland

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### Deadlines are Approaching For Returning Election Sheets For SUR/FIN® '99

Election sheets for reporting elected delegates and alternate delegates for SUR/FIN® '99—Cincinnati must be returned to AESF Headquarters by April 19 for delegates/alternates to be listed in the official "Roster of Delegates and Alternate Delegates." This roster is sent to all AESF Branches prior to the Council of Delegates meeting.

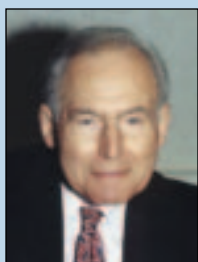
The Council will be meeting on Monday, June 21 and Thursday, June 24 in Cincinnati. June 9 is the absolute deadline for receiving branch election sheets at AESF Headquarters to insure accreditation of branch delegates/alternate delegates in time for the meetings at SUR/FIN®. The forms must be signed by both the president and secretary of the branch.

### Scientific Achievement Award Nominations are Due

The deadline for making nominations for the AESF Scientific Achievement Award is near. Nominations may be made by AESF Boards, Sections and Committees, as well as by Branch and Regional secretaries. Nominations are due at AESF Headquarters April 15.

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## In Memoriam



The Society was saddened to learn of the death of Lee L. Demeter on January 27. Dr. Demeter served as AESF's Parliamentarian from 1984 until his retirement last year. Through those years, he lent counsel to Delegates, Presidents, Executive Committees, the Board of Directors, Executive Directors and members. He had a great sense of fair play and a wonderful sense of humor.