



Clean Water Action News

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North Dakota Newsletter

Wind Energy Conference and Expo

Mark your calendars: Wind Energy and Rural Development in North Dakota is coming to the Alerus Center, Friday, February 22. This is the third annual conference sponsored by U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan in conjunction with ND SEED, UND EERC (Energy & Environmental Research Center), and the ND Dept. of Commerce, Division of Community Services.

This year, the conference will include a consumer expo that will feature wind energy developers and consultants from the US and around the world. The exhibits will be open throughout the day with a social held in the exhibit area following the workshops. If you're interested in having a wind turbine on your farm or ranch, this is your chance to come and meet with the developers and consultants who could help you build it!

Last year's conference featured some very informative sessions on wind energy and the potential development for North Dakota. This year's should be even better, with workshops planned on: Wind Energy and the State Economy, Transmission Progress, National Energy Policy, Small Wind Turbines, Utility Industry Forum, Greening the Federal Government, and

Wind Technology Issues. Each workshop will include a host of speakers and experts.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Conference and Consumer Expo on Wind Energy and Rural Development

Friday, February 22, 2002

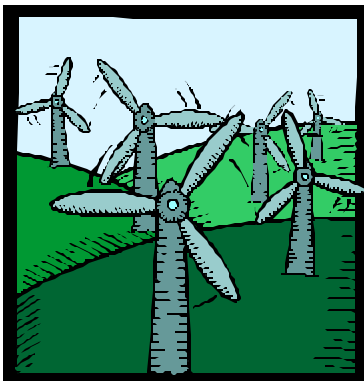
8 AM To 5 PM

Alerus Center

1200 42nd St. S. in Grand Forks

The conference will be a fantastic forum for people and groups interested in learning more about wind energy. It's also a chance to connect with the people who will be building wind turbines in North Dakota. Along with wind energy experts, there will be developers, manufacturers, government officials and experts from a variety of

different fields. Senator Dorgan will attend to give a national perspective on wind energy and what we can expect in the future.

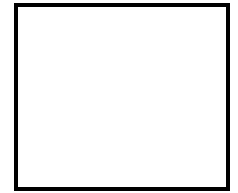


There are still some exhibit and sponsorship opportunities available. Depending on the sponsorship level, you may be able to receive exhibit space; however this is being assigned on a first come—first serve basis. For more information on sponsorship and exhibition opportunities, contact Deb Haley at 701-777-3120.

Last year's conference was standing room only, so register early. The registration fee is \$25, which includes lunch. You can register on line at www.undeerc.org. For more information, contact Dee Kraft 701-777-5068 or Nick Schuster at Clean Water Fund at 701-235-5431.



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**Country
 Mourns Losses
 on 9/11**

On September 11, 2001, many innocent people lost their lives in the terrorist attack on the



World Trade Center. As Americans, we all mourn the loss of lives and innocence that occurred on that day. We extend our sympathy to all those who lost friends or family members.

ND Sustaining Newsletter

Arsenic Win!!

Who says you can't fight City Hall—or the White House?

One of the first changes the Bush Administration made after taking office was to throw out the 10 ppb arsenic standard set by the previous administration. What they didn't bargain for was the public outcry that was to follow.

technology, the 10 ppb standard is obtainable. They reminded EPA that it's job is to protect people's health, and urged EPA to set the standards even lower than 10 ppb.



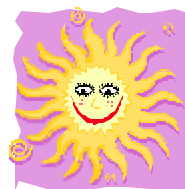
WE WON! After much pressure, the EPA and the White House gave in, agreeing to leave the 10 ppb standard as set by the previous administration.

Clean Water Action and many other groups that had fought hard for the new standard were not going to give up easily. We made sure that citizens were aware of what the EPA was attempting to do.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Pat yourself on the back. It was only through the hard work and determination of people like you that we were able to win this victory.

This grass roots effort resulted in tens of thousands of letters to the President and EPA Administrator Whitman opposing any effort to weaken the 10 ppb standard.

People understood that arsenic is unsafe, and that, with today's



the people.

Remember that input from citizens can make a difference in a government for the people and by

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