



Summer 2005

Clean Water for North Carolina

Clean Currents

A newsletter of clean water and community environmental justice issues

Statewide Protection Needed for Well Users!

Work with CWFNC to Pass House Bill 1701

How do you know what's in your water? If you get your household water from a public water supply (serving 25 or more users), your water is tested at least quarterly and you receive a federally mandated water

House Bill 1701 calls for:

- Required notification of well users near any known groundwater contamination
- Testing of well water used in homes and businesses before they are sold or leased
- Creation of a \$1 million Emergency Drinking Water Fund to help provide immediate safe water supply for impacted communities with limited resources

Take action!

Call today to ask your state Representative to support House Bill 1701: "Protecting the Health and Safety of Private Well-Users."

To find out how to contact your representative, go to www.ncga.state.nc.us, then click on "representation." You can find your representative's info by zip code, district or county.

quality "report card" every year from your water supplier. That report tells you you exactly how much bacteria, lead, volatile organic chemicals, nitrates and other threats to health are in your drinking water-the Safe Drinking Water Act says that it's your right to know!

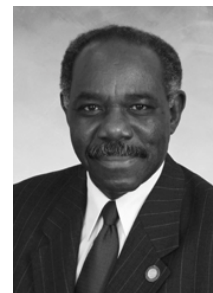
However, if you are one of nearly 2 million North Carolinians who

depend each day on a private well for drinking water, you don't have the protections of regular testing and public notification. Even in our most urbanized counties, thousands of people still use wells, unaware of the contamination that may be threatening their drinking water from over 9,000 leaking underground fuel storage tanks (USTs), livestock operations, drycleaners, pesticides and other potential contamination sources.

Worse yet, some folks learn that their wells are contaminated years after nearby groundwater contamination is found by local or state agencies. There is no current law requiring that well users near known contaminated sites be notified. But all of this could change with the passage of House Bill 1701, now in the NC House Health Committee.

Sponsored by Rep. Bernard Allen of Raleigh, whose own well was found to be contaminated in 2003, the long overdue proposed protections in H1701 are the result of years of Clean Water for NC's work with dozens of communities impacted by well contamination.

We all have a right to clean, safe drinking water. H1701 provides a practical, inexpensive approach to assuring safe water and preventing death and disease due to groundwater pollution.



Rep. Bernard Allen, sponsor of H1701 whose own well was contaminated.

Other Important NC Legislation that Deserves Your Support

Lead Hazard Reduction Tax Credit—House Bill 1716

Homeowners would receive a 30% tax rebate up to \$1,500 for renovations that remove lead hazards in their home if H1716 passes the NC House of Representatives. Lead poisoning is still the biggest known environmental health threat to kids, impairing mental and behavioral development even at very low concentrations!

Call or email your NC representative today to ask them to support House Bill 1716, and encourage your neighbors to test their homes using inexpensive Clean Water Lead Testing kits (www.leadtesting.org).

Reduce mercury from junked cars—Senate Bill 1014

Light switches in U.S.-made cars contain mercury – a toxic substance linked to lowered IQs in children and known to cause memory problems, lung damage, increases in blood pressure, and many other health problems. The Mercury Switch Removal Act of 2005 would reduce the amount of mercury entering the environment from light switches in automobiles. When steel mills recycle junk cars, the mercury is released as airborne emissions.

Despite availability of safe alternatives, U.S. carmakers continue to use mercury switches. The bill would require U.S. auto-makers to pay \$5.00 per switch removed from cars by auto salvage dealers, thus placing responsibility for clean up on the polluter – where it should be! The bill passed the House in late May, and has been sitting in the Senate Committee on Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources. Call your state Senator today and urge her/him to support S1014!

School Children's Health Act--House Bill 1502

This bill would require public schools in our state to reduce the risk of student and staff exposures to pesticides, diesel fumes and other sources of toxic contaminants. It would also set forth guidelines for least-toxic school pest control, notifying parents of school pesticide use, reducing risks from arsenic-treated wood, mercury elimination, reducing school bus idling, and preventing mold and mildew in school buildings. H 1502 has already passed in the NC House, but we need your help to make sure the NC Senate hears this important children's health bill! **Contact your NC Senator today** to ask for support for the School Children's Health Act of 2005.

WhoWeAre

Clean Water for North Carolina

Clean Water for North Carolina is a private, non-profit organization based in Asheville, NC. CWFNC works to ensure that all people have a right to live, work, and play in clean and safe communities.

Together, we have the power and responsibility to work for a healthy and sustainable environment. Our staff works with an active and diverse board of directors and members to increase grassroots involvement in environmental decisions. CWFNC spearheads action statewide and helps grassroots and environmental groups, individuals, and local governments develop strategies to address threats to the environment.

Our Mission

Clean Water for North Carolina promotes clean, safe water and environments and empowered, just communities for all North Carolinians through organizing, education, advocacy and technical assistance.

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Hopeful Thoughts from the Executive Director



A healthy organization and healthy staff and Board are always learning more about the nature of our challenges and reaching out for new approaches and collaborations to achieve our goals. For the first time in our 21 year history, CWFNC's community work has led directly to the drafting of state legislation (House Bill 1701, see page 1), and we've had to become more involved in advocacy in the NC legislature to support protection for over 2 million NC well-users.

Collaborations and ideas from our "sister" organizations are a critical opportunity to evolve our program work. This month we're sharing important writings from two of them (page 3), NC-Waste Awareness and Reduction Network and the Community Reinvestment Association of NC. Let us know

your thoughts on these approaches. Just send an email (hope@cwfn.org) or enclose a note with your 2005 membership.

When we say thanks, we REALLY mean it...

2004 was the most challenging funding year in our recent history, and we were pretty close to running on "fumes" (non-toxic, thankfully!) at the end of the year. When we say that our members and donors make our work possible, you may have no idea how true that is! Without your gifts, we would have had to trim our small, hardworking staff, cutting back on our community work and initiatives for "Safe, Accessible Water" and "Polluter Accountability." Thanks to so many of you for your support at an especially critical time!

Celebrating Our Successes

One of the most important things we can do to take care of ourselves and each other when it looks like polluters and the forces of greed seem to have taken a strangle-hold on local, state and federal policy... is to celebrate our victories when we get 'em!

- EPA's "CHEERS" study would have tested pesticides by paying families to let their kids be exposed. Grassroots outrage brought hundreds of thousands of calls and emails to Congressional offices and lead to the cancellation of the study when Senators threatened to block confirmation of new EPA Administrator Johnson.
- A "Sewage Blending" policy from EPA would have dropped the leash on all of the wastewater plants which had been using wet weather as an excuse not to upgrade their systems to prevent sewage overflows. A huge outcry from water advocates made legislators from across the political spectrum kill the proposal.
- In early July, two important bills supported by NC's environmental community were passed by both NC legislative houses and signed by Gov. Easley. The **Reservoir Protection Act** will speed up rulemaking to reduce pollution from wastewater and runoff into some of the state's largest drinking water reservoirs. The **NC Global Warming Act** will create a commission to study needed pollution reductions as well as economic threats and opportunities—our state is now officially sitting up and taking the threat seriously!
- In June, a law was enacted that calls on DENR and other agencies to work toward a southeast US regional phaseout of MTBE in gasoline products! This has been a priority of water protection groups, as MTBE, a suspect carcinogen, spreads faster in groundwater than any other gas component, contaminating more wells and adding to the expense of cleaning up leaking underground tanks.

Congratulations to all of the folks that worked so hard to accomplish these important victories!

Your for Clean Water Justice,

Hope

Our next issue: Communities Taking a Precautionary Approach, Emerging Environmental Health Threats, and Creating Environmentally "Restorative" Businesses.

Have you joined CWFNC for 2005?

see page 7 for details

The New Nuclear Threats

By JIM WARREN, exec. director, NC Waste Awareness and Reduction Network

The multi-billion dollar question is whether the nuclear industry can fool enough people with its fallacies – even to pay for new reactors in the Carolinas. A massive public relations machine – PR firms, lobbyists, academics, think-tanks – is aggressively disinforming the public about the safety of the current fleet of aging reactors and waste cooling pools, and the feasibility of transitioning to clean technologies.

In 2003, the industry suffered its greatest number of sudden reactor shutdowns since 1996, and the most safety system actuations in eight years. Also in 2003, the Union of Concerned Scientists used federal data to calculate a 34 percent probability of a meltdown at a U.S. reactor within three years, due to design flaws in emergency cooling systems. The NRC has allowed many plants to operate for years with severe violations of regulations designed to protect reactors against fires.

The industry says new, experimental reactors would be safer. Yet it insists that taxpayers insure against any disaster exceeding \$10 billion – although federal studies estimate that reactor and waste pool accidents could exceed \$500 billion in off-site damage. Such a radiation release could cause thousands of fatalities and contaminate several states.

Despite industry contentions, nuclear plants remain lightly defended against many plausible attacks by domestic or foreign terrorists. In April, the National Academy of Sciences called for urgent action, saying attacks on waste cooling pools could put the entire inventory of the pool at risk.

Any prudent society would, at the very least, demand it be transferred from pools into dry cask storage.

Nuclear promoters even try to exploit the growing climate change crisis in saying nuclear plants would reduce need for fossil fuels. But nuclear plants take many years to build and cost billions each. To have a noticeable impact on global warming, 2,000 reactors would have to be built by 2050. Industry's answer? "Streamline" the approval process. Cutting corners is problematic when building a house — it's ridiculous for a complex facility that could inflict unprecedented devastation.

Many assume Progress Energy and Duke Energy won't really go forward with their recently proposed new nuclear plants. But the first reactors built would receive most of the multi-billion dollar subsidies sought under the Bush/Cheney energy bill, which must be stopped now!

Both NC-based companies' plants rank high in problems. Progress proposes another reactor at Shearon Harris, but its existing one is among the nation's most troubled — with a near-worst record on fire protection violations, plus one of the largest stockpiles of high-level waste. Brunswick's system failures placed it on this year's NRC watch-list. Duke's Oconee plant lost 10,000 gal. of waste pool water recently.

Cutting the 50 percent of electricity now wasted can immediately begin reducing greenhouse gases and air pollution, while saving ratepayers billions. Such a transition requires genuine leaders to break free from the utilities' multi-faceted influence. The state's residents — who grant these corporations their charters, and even monopoly markets — must reassert democratic decision-making at this crucial juncture.

North Carolina needs a modern energy policy, not a nuclear relapse.

Shareholder Advocacy – A Powerful Tool for Change

By Peter Skillern, exec. director of CRA-NC.

When a coalition of environmental activists led by the Rainforest Action Network wanted Home Depot to stop selling old growth wood products, they used shareholder advocacy to change the company's policies. Shareholder advocacy is a tool that you can also use to protect North Carolina's natural resources. Here's how.

As a shareholder, you have the right, privilege and responsibility to tell the companies you own to be better corporate citizens. As a shareholder, you can say you want both profits and a cleaner environment. The **Community Reinvestment Association of North Carolina** (CRA-NC) owns stocks in financial institutions to advocate for fair lending practices. This spring, a shareholder resolution we filed received 57 million votes from shareholders across the country in a campaign to pressure Wells Fargo to stop funding payday lenders. CRA-NC is also using shareholder advocacy as an empowerment tool for low-wealth African-American churches to both build assets and promote dialogue with lenders about their impact on the community.

You can be an activist shareholder by supporting progressive resolutions that are coming up for votes in the companies you own shares in. For example, a resolution earlier this year called on Virginia-based utility Dominion Resources to reduce their carbon dioxide emissions. If you or a non-profit organization own at least

\$2,000 worth of a company's stock for a year, you can file your own resolution seeking change. The Duke Law School Community Enterprise Clinic can help you get SEC approval to get your resolution on the corporate ballot.

Does shareholder advocacy work? Yes. Corporations do change due to shareholder actions, but it is primarily a tool of persuasion to convince management to alter their policies, not an instrument of coercion.

In addition to Home Depot's phase-out of old growth wood sales, shareholder advocacy has aided in restricting harmful infant formula marketing by pharmaceutical companies in developing countries, convincing companies to diversify corporate boards and workforces and improving working conditions at various factories.

Shareholder advocacy works best when local organizing and community groups conduct a multi-faceted campaign to complement the shareholder work to hold corporations accountable for their policies and actions. This work includes policy analysis, regulatory pressure, media advocacy and publicity, and direct actions, such as protests.

CRA-NC is a resource for individuals and community groups wishing to get involved in shareholder advocacy. Visit www.cra-nc.org or contact Richard Brown at (919) 667-1557 x23.



Community groups march in support of CRA-NC's anti-predatory lending shareholder resolution carrying check for \$55 million to symbolize Wells Fargo Bank's unfair loans.

Asheville Water Wars--NC Legislators Prolong the Injustice

Asheville is the only city in the state that cannot charge higher water rates to customers outside of city limits due to an archaic 1930s-era state law that applies only to Asheville. The ability to charge higher rates to customers outside the city limits is key to managing a fair and sustainable water system, capable of paying for critical upgrades and repairs. The City recently regained control of the aged and leaking water system from a Regional Water Authority that was established over 20 years ago, after several failed attempts at negotiating a new agreement with Buncombe County Commissioners. As the old agreement expired, the NC legislature simultaneously enacted a bill prohibiting the city from charging higher rates to county residents and from using water to force annexation – the very reasons the City sought in the first place to end the agreement that established the Water Authority. The state legislation was enacted to “maintain the status quo” in case City and County leaders were not able to reach a new agreement, effectively tying the City’s hands when it came to negotiating with the County. Hundreds of thousands of tax dollars later, Asheville is still the only city in the state that cannot charge water rates that will cover the actual costs of running the system.



Sewer Line Location was Dumb Idea the FIRST Time.

Franklin--A 12-inch cast iron sewer pipe extending across the Cullasaja River from a new school in Macon County crumbled into the river during minor flooding from the remnants of tropical storm Arlene. Luckily, the line was not yet operational and no sewage was spilled into the river. Not this time anyway. However, local officials want to rebuild the line . . . in exactly the same place it was built in the first place. Thanks to local concerned citizens for bringing this to public attention and trying to inject some rationality into the decision.



The engineers for the project recommended running the line either under the river, or up high under a nearby bridge for protection. But the Alderman of the town of Franklin voted for the cheapest option - to run the line directly across the river. And plans are in the works to build even more sewer lines across the Cullasaja, which may be a future drinking water source for the town of Franklin. Considering western North Carolina’s recent experience with flood issues you would think local leaders would know better than to set ourselves up for future disasters for both sewer service AND drinking water!

Chronic Violator Solite fined \$268,616 for Falsified Air Reports

Albermarle—Joann Almond and dozens of long-time members of Stanly Citizens Toxic Chemical Hazards (SCOTCH) finally feel vindicated in the struggle to clean up air emissions at a Stanly County cement aggregate plant. 15 years ago, when the Solite plant in Aquadale was burning materials regulated by the state, neighbors were choking on fumes and particulates, repairing metal roofs and deeply worried about toxic fallout on the fields and yards. A major industry in a mostly rural county, and contributed to schools and civic projects, officials and many local residents failed to support SCOTCH’s call to clean up a classic case of corporate control of local decision-making.



After years of confrontation, permit challenges, a suit filed by CWFNC and SCOTCH, and large fines for hydrochloric acid emissions, Solite pulled itself out of the state’s haz waste combustion program in 2000. Unfortunately, Solite continued to burn materials like waste oils and solvents in its patched, rusty and leaking kilns that were just as toxic as official “hazardous waste.” However, when air emissions reports were not filed by the company in 2003 and 2004, an investigation was started. Solite dug itself in deeper in a hole when data ultimately submitted showed alterations from measurements by its own monitoring equipment. Without the persistence of Almond, SCOTCH and allied groups NC-WARN and CWFNC, that monitoring equipment would never have been installed!



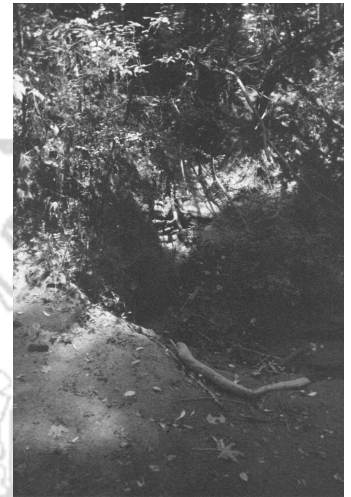
Stanly Citizens Opposed to Toxic Hazards, NC-WARN and CWFNC Opposed to Solite emissions, lack of enforcement by DENR offices in 2000.

Downstream Residents Protest Oxford's Sewer Overflows

After more than twenty years of "slap on the wrist" enforcement for a host of permit violations and no fines at all for millions of gallons of sewer overflows, residents downstream of Oxford's ongoing pollution of two small streams have had enough. Five previous "Special Orders" have failed to clean up the mess made by the City's failure to repair and upgrade its lines, while it continues to promise new hookups to industries and developers.

In 2002, residents in Antioch, an African-American neighborhood downstream asked Oxford officials to report sewer overflows directly and to test wells that might have been contaminated near the stream, but the City Commissioners voted to ignore them, saying that they would not accept any liability. Fishing and Coon Creeks, the streams which are victims of all that untreated sewage, are already known to be degraded and officially listed on the federal "impaired streams" list. Even a former Oxford City worker who cleaned up sewer overflows on his downstream property testified that the state should show Oxford no mercy in enforcement and shouldn't grant any more sewer hookups.

The state's Environmental Management Commissioners expressed dismay that they had never been informed by the Div. of Water Quality about the plant's long and sordid history before approving an astonishingly weak Special Order of Consent for Oxford in July. The SOC will forgive penalties and allow 300,000 gallons/day of new hookups during construction of the larger plant, while sewers just keep on overflowing. Downstream residents, ministers of local churches, CWFNC and the Pamlico Tar River Foundation recently came together to form Oxford Sewage Watch, to hold City and state officials accountable, and will announce plans for action soon.



Millions of gallons of untreated sewage have escaped from Oxford's Wastewater Treatment Plant over the banks into tiny Fishing and Coon Creeks.



Fayetteville—C8, a chemical used in making Teflon that DuPont started manufacturing at its Fayetteville plant in 2003, started showing up in local ground and surface water almost as soon as the , according to an investigation by the United Steelworkers who represent DuPont workers. The corporation failed to notify state environmental officials until months after they knew of the contamination, and does not appear to be following up on groundwater studies requested near the site where the chemical is produced. C8, or perfluorooctanoic acid, is a potential carcinogen that has also been found at very high levels in the blood of exposed workers. Recently, 3M Corporation decided that getting out of C8 production completely was the "responsible" thing to do for the environment and public health, leaving DuPont as the sole manufacturer.

"DuPont's handling of this matter offers yet another example of the company's shameful record of hiding important information concerning this controversial and potential human carcinogen," said Joseph Drexler of the Steelworkers. In February, DuPont agreed to pay \$108 million to settle a class action lawsuit by 80,000 residents in West Virginia and Ohio who claimed C8 from DuPont's plant in Parkersburg had contaminated their public water supplies. CWFNC will be working with the Steelworkers and other NC environmental and worker health and safety organizations to keep public pressure on state agencies to stop soft-pedaling the investigation of environmental and health impacts and start taking action to hold DuPont accountable.



Arsenic and Lead in Your Drinking Water?

Toxic arsenic is present in natural rock formations in many locations across NC. Counties such as Orange and Union that encourage well-testing have found hundreds of wells with hazardous arsenic levels, indicating that it could be in wells throughout the state. If you haven't tested your well, call your Health Dept. to see if your county has a well-testing program, or order a kit for "arsenic in water" (only \$20) from Clean Water Lead Testing, by visiting www.leadtesting.org.

More than two dozen NC cities and towns have changed their drinking water disinfection method from chlorine to chloramine, in order to reduce creation of cancer-causing substances. This has had the surprising effect of increasing concentration of lead in public drinking water in Greenville, probably due to leaching from old water distribution lines. We now recommend testing your drinking water for lead, even if you don't live in an older home. Check to see if your local public water utility is providing home testing for lead, or order a "lead in water" kit for \$24 from www.leadtesting.org.

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Environmental Effects of Military Activity in North Carolina

by Adam Shestak, 2005 Stanback Intern, Durham Office

A self-proclaimed “military friendly” state, North Carolina is home to multiple defense installations and over 100,000 active duty personnel. As an industrially diverse and self-contained organization, the military also emits large amounts of pollution to the state’s water, air, and land. Evidence of this fact is easily seen in recent media coverage of water supply contamination which impacted thousands at Camp Lejeune. Two of North Carolina’s active military installations are on the “Superfund” National Priorities List, and 35 of the over 150 Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) throughout the North Carolina have been identified as in need of environmental clean-up. Another 40 of these FUDS have not even been located, prohibiting their evaluation for potential environmental hazards. Clean Water for North Carolina is currently working to understand the nature and scope of military pollution statewide so it can inform and empower affected communities.

Working for accountability and enforcement of military polluters presents several unique challenges:

- although most environmental statutes and regulations do apply to the Department of Defense, its status as a federal agency makes some enforcement mechanisms unavailable,
- courts tend to defer to the military’s expressed need for national security and military preparedness, further impeding oversight and enforcement, especially following 9/11,
- the bureaucratic structure of the DOD results in slow responses and expensive cleanups.
- finally, DOD has given only cursory attention to environmental justice issues (effects on disproportionately impacted communities).

As a result of one preliminary CWFNC investigation, our concerns about potential groundwater contamination migrating off site at the former Tarheel Army Missile Plant in Burlington have prompted state environmental officials to reexamine the site’s cleanup history. CWFNC will publish a detailed report later this summer on both the environmental impacts of military activity in North Carolina and tools for community action on defense related sites.



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Environmental Justice and Public Participation Policies

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Public participation is critical to achieving environmental justice, as many injustices neglected by policy-makers can be considered early in any decision-making. Public notice and participation requirements are mandated in various environmental laws (NEPA, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, “Superfund” and other waste-related laws) at both federal and state levels.

In these statutes, public participation usually includes three aspects: Public Notice and Comment, Public Hearings and Meetings, and Citizen Advisory Groups. To learn about people’s views regarding public participation and environmental justice issues and to know if there is any gap between public participation policies and how those policies are actually implemented, we conducted a survey among community participants at a North Carolina Environmental Justice Network Community Meeting in Pender County.

Public Notices—Survey results show that the most effective public notice tool is a “poster in local churches”, probably due to the high level of church attendance in rural NC, followed by “mail” and “poster in local community centers”. On the contrary, the least effective tool is a “poster in front of facility under construction”, followed by “local newspaper”, which happen to be the most two common used tools by NC-DENR! Even though mailing notices may increase the cost, this method could still be considered in critical cases, or where contact information for citizens’ groups is available.

Public Hearings and Meetings—About half of the respondents are actively attending various public hearings and half are not, mostly because they didn’t receive any notices. For people who have attended public meetings, most indicate that they have had meaningful involvement. For those who don’t think they have meaningful participation, the reason is mostly because of the “bad atmosphere, such as arrogant officials.” About half of respondents prefer “speaking at a public hearing” while prefer “sending written comments to the agency,” so NC-DENR should provide both channels to collect public comments.

Citizen Advisory Groups—Most people expressed more distrust when such advisory groups are organized by business or industry than when they are organized by local government.

CWFNC will publish a report later this summer about the survey and a review of Environmental Justice needs for key state policies.



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Polluter Accountability and Impacted Western NC Communities

by Anna Smith, Summer 2005 Intern, Asheville Office

Many communities in western NC are affected by toxic pollution by major industries and sources of groundwater pollution from underground fuel tanks to pesticides. Working with state officials to do searches of investigative files on groundwater contamination, and focusing on low-income, rural, and communities of color, the objective will be to find out about these sites and learn about the individuals’ experiences in the affected communities. During our contacts with folks impacted by contaminated sites, we hope to get a better understanding of how much people know about their water and where it comes from, how they feel about interactions and information from state agencies, and whether their needs for safe water supply are being met. This is just a part of our ongoing work to determine how to meet the goals of environmental justice in North Carolina.

As one of western NC’s largest toxic emitters, Blue Ridge Paper Products releases nearly 3 million pounds of federally listed toxic chemicals each year. The former Champion International mill in Canton has been the focus of controversy from downstream Tennessee for decades, but there is now increasing concern about toxic air emissions from the mill’s pulping of wood chips, burning of waste products and coal fired power production. CWFNC will be intensifying our contacts with downwind and downstream communities, collaborating with other regional organizations and updating our files in preparation for upcoming opportunities to strengthen permit protections for water and air.

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Thanks to the Pigeon River Fund for increased support of volunteer stream monitoring in western NC!

The Pigeon River Fund has generously provided a \$18,000 grant in support of the Stream Monitoring Information Exchange (SMIE), a collaborative project coordinated by CWFNC. SMIE is a group of dedicated residents and representatives from over 10 different non-profit organizations, educational institutions and state agencies in WNC who aim to improve communication on water quality issue in western NC, and to develop strategies for improving regional water quality. The project is currently training volunteers to monitor streams for benthic macroinvertebrates, with all data being reported to the state. If you're interested in becoming an SMIE stream monitoring volunteer, please call Gracia at (828) 251-1291.

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Upcoming Clean Water & Justice Events!

**Aug. 26-28
(Fri-Sun)**

Southern Energy and Environment Expo

Asheville area annual event designed to showcase renewable energy and sustainable economics. Volunteer at CWFNC's information booth by contacting Gracia!

Sept. 17 (Sat.)

"Protection Your Drinking Water at its Source!"

A hands-on workshop for every community's water future! Sponsored by CWFNC, held at UNC-Greensboro, 10am-4:30pm. Registration only \$20 including lunch, www.cwfn.org.

**Sept. 17 (Sat.)
Noon -10pm**

Fiesta Latina!

Asheville festival featuring music, dance, ethnic food, arts & crafts, and more! Volunteer at CWFNC's information booth by contacting Gracia!

Early Oct.

Full day training in biological benthic stream monitoring near Waynesville. Sponsored by the western NC Stream Monitoring Information Exchange (Coordinated by Gracia O'Neill of CWFNC). Free. Lunch and materials provided. No experience necessary, but the workshop will fill up fast!

**Oct 21-22
(Fri.-Sat.)**

NC Environmental Justice Summit

Bringing together community folks, government officials, activists and academics to work towards ending environmental injustice. Historic Franklinton Center, north of Rocky Mount. Scholarships and childcare available. Check out <http://www.ncejn.org> for details.

Nov. 19 (Sat.)

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