

Essential Waste Management course updates practitioners

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Since 2008, South African waste legislation has increased and diversified and for generators of waste, municipalities, waste companies and other environmental practitioners, keeping up to date is often problematic. Cognisant of this, Litha Communications has organised an expert speaker for Johannesburg and Cape Town.

Laura Taylor, BA (Hons), BSc, MSc (Environmental Management) and a former Environmental Manager with mines and industry, will present 'SA Waste Laws - an Update', a two-day workshop that will cover all of the critical developments in waste legislation, planning and policy since 2008. This will enable key role players to plan and seize the opportunities that will present themselves.

Taylor will impart her knowledge and a clear understanding of waste management legislation, policy and planning, provide a clear explanation of the new waste classification system, together with exercises to make sense of it all and, through discussion, examples and exercises, assist delegates in understanding how it applies to their organisation.

Workshop dates

The workshops will be held in Johannesburg on 11-12 February and 11-12 November 2015 and in Cape Town on 18-19 February and 2-3 December 2015

The workshop is aimed at those in:

- Municipal waste departments
- Waste producing industries and businesses
- Waste planners and regulators
- Waste management companies and personnel
- Waste contractors responsible for managing waste
- Environmental managers, co-ordinators and champions
- Sustainability co-ordinators
- Quality Assurance Managers
- Consultants with an interest in waste management

Course content

The course will cover the following legislation and anything new that is promulgated between now and the course dates.

- NEMWA - National Environmental Management Waste Act
- NEMWA Amendment Act
- Waste Licensing in terms of NEMWA:
 - List of Waste Management Activities - 2009
 - Amendments to lists of Waste Management Activities - 2010
 - Amendments to lists of Waste Management Activities - 2013 and May 2014
 - Amendments to EIA Regs to accommodate changes due to waste lists
- National Waste Management Strategy

- National Waste Information Regulations
- Waste Classification and Management Regulations, including how the new SANS 10234 waste classification system works
- National Norms and Standards for Assessment of Waste for Landfill Disposal
- National Norms and Standards for Disposal to Landfill
- National Norms and Standards for Storage of Waste
- National Policy on Thermal Treatment of General & Hazardous Waste
- NEM:AQA - National Ambient Air Quality Standards and List of Activities which result in Atmospheric Emissions which may have a significant detrimental effect on the environment - Waste Related activities
- Contaminated Land and the National Norms and Standards for the Remediation of Contaminated land and Soil Quality

More about the facilitator

Since her student days, Taylor has specialised in this area and now has considerable industry experience. She has run waste management workshops all over South Africa in the last few years, as well as in Namibia and is currently involved in helping several companies to manage their waste better.

Most recently, Taylor has been the waste and hazardous substances consultant to Letseng Diamond Mine in Lesotho. She participated in a large scale and comprehensive Social and Environmental Impact Assessment (SEIA) and the drawing up of a Social and Environmental Management Plan (SEMP) at the mine during the course of 2012/13. In addition she is involved in on-going work with regards to its waste management program.

While working at Anglo Platinum (AP), she coordinated the implementation of an Integrated Waste Management Plan across all the business units of the Rustenburg region. She also participated in the permitting of the AP landfill site and the process leading up to the establishment of the municipal regional landfill site on AP land. While at TSAM, she coordinated the implementation of a comprehensive waste recycling system across all the plants.

Taylor is well qualified to guide any organisation through the plethora of waste laws and in the implementation of a waste management system that meets environmental best practice. She has the unique quality of years of hands-on practical experience as an environmental manager in industry and on the mines as well as a solid academic and teaching background.

More about Litha Communications

Litha Communications, an integrated marketing consultancy, offers training as part of its core offering. With its head office in Johannesburg and newly opened satellite offices in Cape Town and Nelspruit, it offers national representation. Learn with Litha is the training division that began offering conferences, events and exhibitions training in 2013.

The consultancy is well positioned in offering sustainability training, as the CEO Andile Ncontsa is a sustainability leader, an alumnus of Cambridge Sustainability Academy and a board member of Wildlands Conservation Trust that plants almost a billion indigenous trees annually in South Africa, working with more than 70 communities.

Bookings

The cost of the workshop is R6,000 (excluding VAT). For more information, email kevin@lithacommunications.co.za or call Kevin Cloete on +27 (0) 21 782 0508 or Debbie Last on +27 (0) 11 484 7663.

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