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MEETING NOTICE

WEDNESDAY, September 18, 1991

SPEAKER: Mr. Robert Hawk - City of San Diego

TOPIC: "Return of the Blob"

PLACE: Seapoint Hotel
Harbor View Room - 5th Floor
4875 N. Harbor Drive
San Diego

TIME: 6:00 - Social Hour
7:00 - Dinner
8:00 - Program

DINNER: Lasagna, antipasta salad, vegetable du jour, amaretto mousse cake, milk, coffee, and tea.

COST: \$16.00 (Please make checks payable to SDAG)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! By noon, **Monday, September 16.** Please phone in your reservation ASAP to the receptionist at **Leighton and Associates**, (619)292-8030. Please call Leighton and Associates if you need to cancel your reservation.

SUMMARY: The "Blob" is a floating hydrocarbon plume that currently occupies approximately six square blocks in the marina district of downtown San Diego. The "Blob" has been scrutinized by approximately 6 consecutive consulting firms hired by a City-owned agency to evaluate the problem. Volume estimates ranged from 90,000 to 450,000 gallons. Notoriety prompted a research paper and limited field study by Hawk and others, and became the focus of this study with Dave Huntley and James Wallace of SDSU. Current work suggests a volume of 64,000 gallons is more likely, based on new methods of analysis, and that hydrocarbon flow and remediation may be different than anticipated. Robert Hawk is an engineering geologist with the City of San Diego, a 1980 graduate of SDSU, and is registered in both engineering geology and civil engineering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **\$ YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! \$** Pat Abbott and Bill Elliott are compiling a sequel to their 1979 **Earthquakes and Other Perils** in the San Diego Region volume. This year's **Environmental Perils** volume is scheduled to be released in conjunction with the October Geological Society of America meeting in San Diego. SDAG is sponsoring the Publication and is looking for your support. Times are tough and donations (\$\$\$) towards publication of this volume are badly needed. Contributions will be acknowledged in the Contributors List to be included in the front of the publication. Contributors will also be listed in the 1991 SDAG membership directory. In addition, for each \$100 increment of your donation, you will be provided with a copy of the publication. So please act now and send as much as you can so this worthwhile volume gets published!!! (The publication goes to print in August). Make checks payable to SDAG and send to SDAG/Sue Tanges, 1465 E. Lexington Avenue, #7A, El Cajon, CA 92019. SDAG would like to acknowledge the following contributors to the publication as of September 1. They are as follows:

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THANKS EVERYONE !!!!!!!!!!!

2. The Geological Society of America will hold its Annual Meeting this year in the San Diego Convention Center, October 21-24. The meeting will emphasize Environmental Geology. GSA needs people to sponsor senior geology students during their 4 to 5 day stay here. This will involve providing a place to sleep (bed, couch, ?), some amount of food, transportation to /from the airport and the meeting events, and time to share your experiences in the work-place and to learn something about their part of the country. For the one-day Engineering Geology field trip on Sunday, October 20, GSA needs suggestions for stops. In particular, GSA needs inside information on grading jobs, deep excavations, trenches, etc. that might be once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to view geology that will soon be covered with humankind's tombstones to progress. Contact Bill Elliott at (619) 586-0870 with offers for student housing or fieldtrip information. For GSA Membership information, contact Diane Murbach at 966-8672.


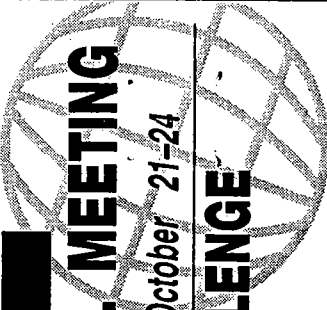
3. Time's running out! The GSA Convention is just a few short weeks away, and we still need volunteers for the Hospitality Room. Spouses who would like to share in the fun and excitement of meeting and greeting GSA Guests from all over the USA, please contact Karen Streiff at 758-2432 or Barbara Johnston at 441-7498 (home) or 463-6631 (office).

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd)

4. NOW AVAILABLE! SDAG hats in the latest, brightest colors! Neon colors - yellow, green, orange, hot pink, or purple! Only \$10 - order yours now! Send check, payable to SDAG, Sue Tanges, 1465 E. Lexington Ave. #7A, El Cajon, CA 92019.
5. Deadline for announcements to be included in the October newsletter is September 27. Please submit in writing to Lyne Perry at Leighton and Associates (FAX (619) 292-0771).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

1. The City of San Diego has an opening for a Senior Engineering Geologist. Requirements include a RG, CEG, and a valid driver's license. Apply at the Employment Information Center, City Administration Building Lobby, 202 "C" Street, San Diego, CA, (619) 236-6463. #T1175 Senior Engineering Geologist.
2. EnecoTech Southwest, Inc. has current openings for staff and senior staff environmental geologist, hydrogeologist and engineer in their San Diego office. Please send resumes to: EnecoTech Southwest, Inc., 2831 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 206, San Diego, CA, 92108, Attn: Mr. Dennis Fransway.
3. Converse Consultants is presently interviewing for Project and Senior Project level geologists and engineers for the Inland Empire office, located in San Bernardino, CA. The positions require a minimum of 4 to 5 years of individual or combined experience in the Geotechnical or Environmental consulting field. Registration is preferred (RG/CEG/RCE/GE). Submit resumes in confidence to: Converse Consultants, 630 E. Brier Drive, Suite 100, San Bernardino, CA, 92408, ATTN: David Simon.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA		GSA 1991	1991 ANNUAL MEETING	 San Diego, California • October 21-24	GLOBAL CHALLENGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Technical Sessions■ Exhibits■ Field Trips■ Short Courses	Abstracts due WEDNESDAY, JULY 3
							Program, Housing, and Registration Information Available AUGUST 1
							Preregistration due FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
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