

CEMS Summertime Tour and Campout Weekend

Friday, July 25, 2025 – Sunday, July 27

Big B's Delicious Orchards, Hotchkiss, CO

Pricing is as follows for all campers:

\$90.00 Pricing \$90/at an individual campsite (for 2 nights) –
suitable for a family with two tents (one remaining)

\$60.00 Pricing \$60/per spot at the group campsite (for 2 nights) –
each site holds one tent

Attendance on either tour is free (no campsite), please make sure to register

Campers and Tour Attendees - [Register Here](#)

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Friday 7/25

11am – 1pm : Arrival and check-in

**2-4pm : Reservoir and Stream
Management Tour, Paonia State
Park**

Note: State Park admission fee will be charged (Colo. car registration may cover it)

5-7pm : Dinner hours

Cook your own food or visit Big B's Café
Hang out with group

7:30-10pm : Free live music

Andrew Bees from Black Uhuru
Big B's Courtyard Stage

10:30pm : Quiet hours / sleep

Saturday 7/26

8-10 am: Breakfast hours

Cook your own food or visit Big B's Café

**11am – 1pm: Coal Mining History
Tour**

Walking tour nearby, short drive from
camp. No fees

1-3 pm : Lunch / R&R

3-5 pm: Explore the Orchards

Grounds and Gift Shop

5-7 pm : Dinner hours

8-10 pm: Group hangout

10:30pm : Quiet hours / sleep

Sunday 7/27

8-10 am: Breakfast hours

11am : Pack up and head
back home!

Photo courtesy of Big B's Delicious Orchards



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OPS Outreach 2025 is coming this
fall! For more information, visit
their [website](#).

Sponsorship and Golfer Registrations are now open, join us! Register [here](#)

Annual CEMS Scholarship Golf Tournament
Thursday, August 28, 2025 – Arvada, CO
8am Shotgun Start



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for the
2025 CEMS FALL CONFERENCE

Tuesday, September 30th
Theme: Colorado's Innovative Environmental Leadership in the Face of Federal Regulatory Changes

Location: CSU Spur
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Additional information at www.COEMS.org,
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From the Board...by Peter Jaacks, Jewell Jimmerson Natural Resources Law LLC

As we reach the midpoint of 2025, the Colorado Environmental Management Society remains as committed as ever to supporting professionals working at the intersection of environmental stewardship, policy, and industry. The challenges facing Colorado's environmental community—from climate resilience and water management to regulatory uncertainty and community engagement—continue to evolve. CEMS has been working to continue providing a space for our membership to facilitate discussions about these issues.

During 2025, our Board has focused on several key priorities: expanding access to timely, practical programming; deepening collaboration and involvement across sectors and different areas around Colorado; and ensuring that CEMS remains a welcoming and valuable space for both career experts and rising professionals in our field.

Looking forward, we're excited to continue offering relevant content, meaningful networking, and a platform for members to stay informed and engaged. Whether you've been with CEMS for years or you're just getting involved, we encourage you to attend an upcoming meeting, share your expertise, or simply reach out to the Board with ideas.

Keep the date marked on your calendars for the CEMS July Summertime Tour and Campout! The Board is excited to host an event that will combine several informative tours with the reason we got into this field in the first place – to be outside!

Thank you for being part of this community. Together, we are building not just careers, but a collaborative and adaptive approach to environmental management in Colorado.

Pete Jaacks is an environmental and natural resources attorney in the greater Denver area. He has been a Board Member of CEMS since 2022 and writes the monthly regulatory update for the CEMS newsletter. Pete advises clients with respect to various environmental matters, including real estate due diligence and Brownfields redevelopment, compliance with the Clean Water Act, CERCLA, RCRA, NEPA matters, and regulatory enforcement and administrative rulemaking proceedings. In addition to his environmental practice, Pete represents clients ranging from private landowners and developers to agricultural users, municipalities, and special districts in transactions and litigation concerning conditional water rights, diligence proceedings, complex exchanges and plans for augmentation, and changes of water rights.

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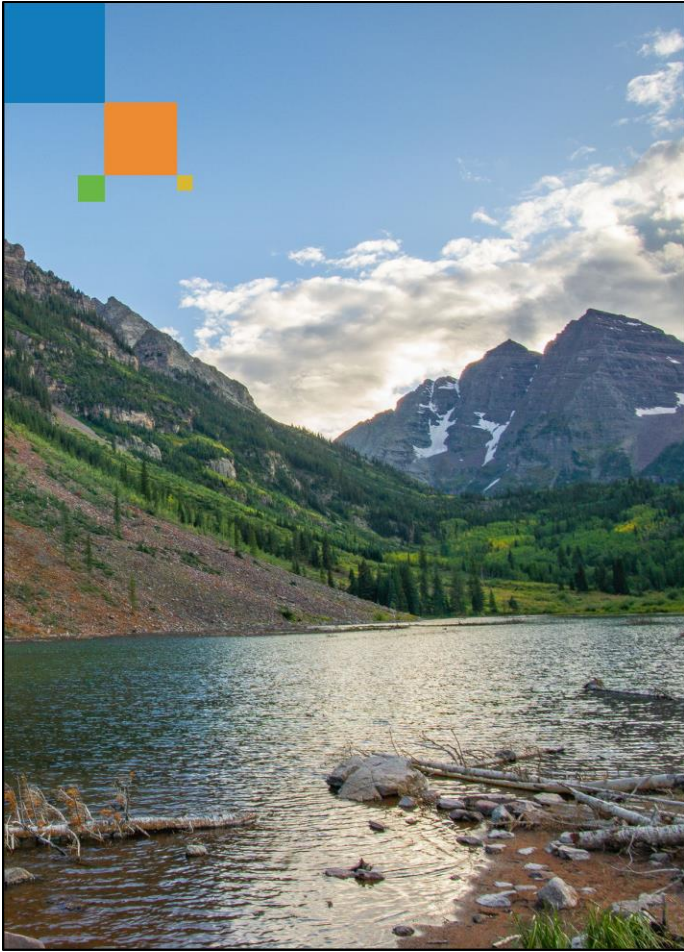
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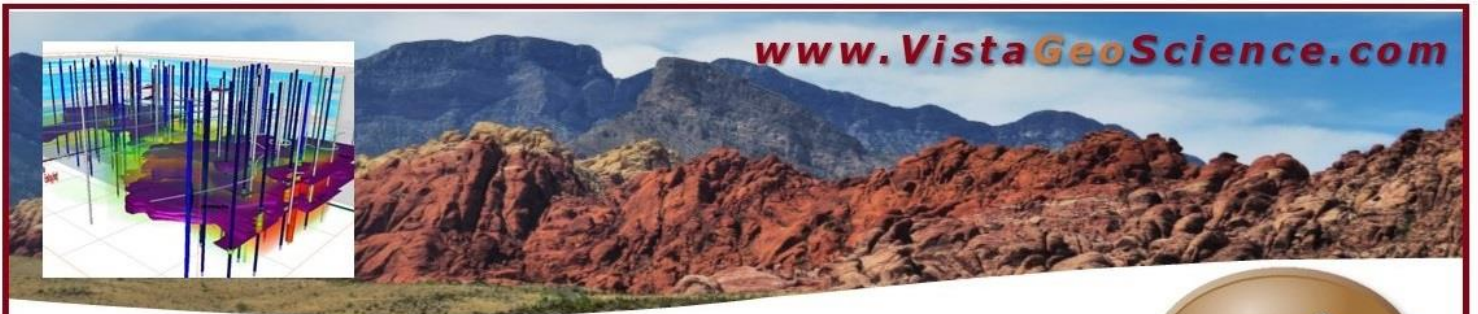


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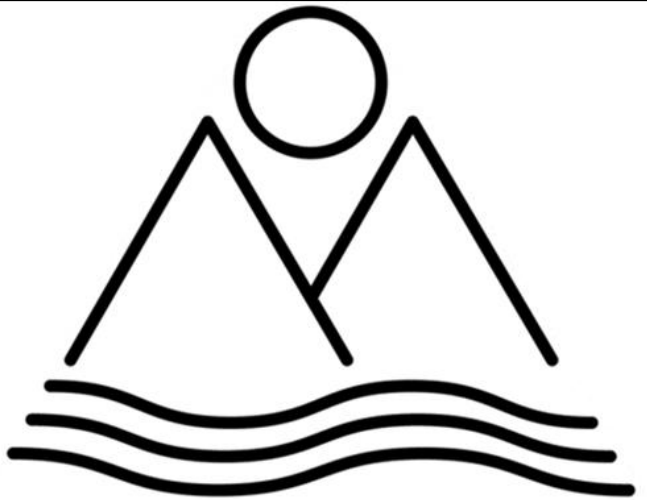
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CEMS Member Lisa Woodward Received the Stanley E. Kappe Award

Long time CEMS member Lisa Woodward was presented with the Stanley E. Kappe award for the American Academy of Environmental Engineers for 2025. This Award is presented to the Board-Certified Environmental Engineer or Board-Certified Environmental Scientist who has performed extraordinary and outstanding service contributing to significant advancement of public awareness to the betterment of the total environment and other objectives of the Academy. Read more about the award [here](#).

Lisa Woodward, P.E., BCEE, is an adjunct instructor for Senior Design at the Colorado School of Mines. She holds a Professional Engineer's license and is Board Certified in Environmental Engineering. Lisa is a past president of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Rocky Mountain Section, a former member of the SWE WE Local Advisory Board, and a longtime member of the Colorado Environmental Management Society (CEMS).

Lisa has been recognized nationally for her leadership and contributions to the engineering profession. She received the **Distinguished Engineer Award** from the Society of Women Engineers in 2024, the **Women in Leadership Award** from the Colorado School of Mines in 2024, and the **Stanley E. Kappe Award** from the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists in 2025.

Free Maps from Member Gary Vanderslice

Longtime CEMS member Gary Vanderslice shared his love of maps with CEMS. He has 40 free maps for all to enjoy on his digital map store [HERE](#).

CEMS REGULATORY UPDATE FEDERAL AND STATE ACTIONS IMPACTING COLORADO

By Peter D. Jaacks

Jewell Jimmerson Natural Resources Law LLC

June 2025

On May 14, 2025 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [announced](#) its intent to issue a partial rollback of the federal drinking water standards for certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Key changes include:

- PFOA & PFOS: Federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) remains at 4 ppt each, but the compliance deadline is extended to 2031, two years beyond the original 2029 deadline.
- Other PFAS (GenX, PFHxS, PFNA): MCLs will be rescinded and reopened for reconsideration.

EPA is planning a fall 2025 rulemaking to reconsider these limits and the extended compliance deadlines.

On May 24, 2025, Governor Polis [signed](#) Senate Bill 25-305, enacting sweeping reforms to Colorado's water quality permitting system. The bill responds to input from local governments, utilities, and regulated industries over slow permit reviews and rigid compliance mandates. Reforms under the bill include:

- If the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) fails to act on a discharge permit within 60 days, applicants can request assistance from an approved third-party contractor to help move the review forward.
- CDPHE must now consider the financial capacity of local governments when setting compliance deadlines. This change allows for up to 20 years to meet permit requirements in some cases, easing pressure on resource-strapped communities.
- The law requires that CDPHE provide permittees with preliminary drafts before public comment and creates a formal timeline framework (to be adopted by 2028) for review, notice, and response.
- CDPHE must now issue annual reports on permit processing performance, backlog status, and the use of third-party reviewers. A new online tracking system will improve transparency for applicants.

On May 29, 2025, the U.S. Supreme Court [issued](#) a unanimous decision allowing the controversial 88-mile Uinta Basin Railway project to proceed. The ruling determined that federal agencies are not obligated to assess the broader environmental impacts of infrastructure projects they do not directly oversee as part of a project's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process. This decision overturns a lower court ruling that had supported Colorado's Eagle County and environmental groups, who opposed the project due to potential environmental harm from transporting crude oil through western Colorado along the Colorado River.

Presentation Opportunities for Upcoming CEMS Meetings

The CEMS Program Committee is currently searching for "interesting, topical and informative" presentations for our meetings in 2025. This is a great opportunity to network with your peers, share information and technology, and become more involved with the environmental community. CEMS is interested in a variety of topics relevant to environmental and natural resources professionals. Each monthly presentation is roughly 50 minutes, followed by a question-and-answer period.

If you or someone you know is interested in presenting at our monthly meetings, or our annual conference, please feel free to contact our Programs Committee: Chairperson Michael Whelan at mwhelan@anchorqea.com.

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Fall 2025 graduate course registration is now underway in [Hydrologic, Environmental, and Sustainability Engineering](#) (HESE) at CU Denver. Registration for Fall 2025 starts April 1, 2025. Please register by August 15 to ensure enrollment.

CVEN-5334 Groundwater Hydrology

Instructor: David Mays, P.E., Ph.D.

Monday/Wednesday 5:00-6:15 pm starting Monday 8/18th

<http://engineering.ucdenver.edu/dmays/5334>

[Brochure](#)

CVEN-5401 Introduction to Environmental Engineering

Instructor: Arun Karunanithi, Ph.D.

Tuesday/Thursday 3:30-4:45 pm starting Tuesday 8/19th

CVEN-5427 Storm Water System Design

Instructor: Gerald Blackler, P.E., Ph.D.

Monday/Wednesday 11:00-12:15 pm starting Monday 8/18th

CVEN-5434 Biological Treatment Processes

Instructor: Ram Ramaswami, P.E., Ph.D.

Thursdays 5:00-7:30 pm starting Thursday 8/21st

[Brochure](#)

If anyone needs more information, please contact David directly—he would be delighted to help you, or your colleagues, to create a customized plan for advanced study in engineering.

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