

# **National Conference on Tar Creek XI:** *It's Not Just Tar Creek Anymore*

## **AGENDA**

### **Tuesday September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 8:00 – 9:00    **Registration**  
*Displays of Honored Artists and Photo Display, “Broken Childhood”*  
*Camera Workshop begins – Vaughn Wascovich*
- 9:00 – 9:15    **Welcome and Introductions**  
Rebecca Jim, Executive Director, LEAD Agency, Inc.  
Brent Brassfield, Mayor of Miami  
Louis “Red” Mathia, President, LEAD Agency, Inc.  
Earl Hatley, Grand Riverkeeper, LEAD Agency, Inc.
- 9:15 – 9:45    **An Update on Environmental Chemical Exposures and Children’s Neurodevelopment**  
Dr. David Bellinger, Harvard School of Public Health
- 9:45 – 11:50    **Tri-State Mining District Update (Tri-State OU5) (Tar Creek OU4)**  
Bryant Burnett, CDR, USPHS, Superfund Division EPA Region 7  
Ursula Lennix Superfund Division, EPA Region 6  
Angela Hughes, ODEQ, Tar Creek/Land Protection Division  
James Luedecke, Environmental Engineer, Quapaw Tribe  
Mike Furnas, City of Commerce, Director Daily Operations
- 11:50 – 12:00    **Re-Authorize the Superfund Tax**  
Rebecca Jim
- 12:00 – 1:00    **LUNCH at Civic Center**    Presentation by Miami High School student
- 1:00 – 1:30    **J.D. Strong, Oklahoma Secretary of Environment**
- 1:30 – 2:00    **Oklahoma Water Plan**  
Jeri Fleming, Oklahoma State University
- 2:00            **Passive Treatment Demonstration Project – Mayer Ranch**  
Dr. Bob Nairn, Oklahoma University  
*After presentation, Dr. Nairn will conduct a tour of the project site, Miami Tribal Bus*
- Dr.s James and Susie Aber will demonstrate Blimp photography, weather permitting  
**See their Poster Display at Conference**
- 6:00 – 7:30    **Traditional Indian Dinner**  
7:00 – 8:30    **Paul Barton (Seneca-Cayuga) Dancers (traditional)** Open to the public.

**Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## **The Air We Breathe**

- 8:00 – 9:00    **Registration**  
*Meg Sullivan Workshop Begins*
- 9:00 - 9:30    **Relationship between air quality and our watershed**  
Dr. Robert Lynch, OU Health Sciences Center,  
ODEQ Air Quality Council
- 9:30 – 10:00    **Renewable Energy Initiatives of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission**  
Montel Clark, Oklahoma Sustainability Network,  
ODEQ Air Quality Council
- 10:00 – 11:15    **Coal Truth**  
Earl Hatley, Grand Riverkeeper
- Air Pollution Sources in Ottawa County**  
Dr. Ami Zota
- 11:15 – 12:00    **Transport and Human Exposures to Metals Associated  
with the Tar Creek Superfund Site**  
Dr. Jim Shine, Harvard School of Public Health, Children’s Center
- 12:00 -1:00    **LUNCH at Civic Center**
- 1:00 – 1:30    **Diane Hammons, Attorney General, Cherokee Nation**
- 1:30 – 2:30    **Healthy Homes Overview**  
Roger Nagl, Miami Tribe  
Cheryl Barr, Oklahoma State Department of Health  
Neil Brown, President, EnviroHome Inc.
- 2:30 – 2:45    Break
- 2:45 – 3:15    **Geospatial Mapping of Miami Flood**  
Gina Manders, NEO A&M College
- 3:15 – 3:45    **Asthma Triggers**  
Marshann Marrick, Lung Association
- 3:45            **Slides of Picher Area Via Blimp Technology**  
Dr.s James and Susie Aber

**7:00 Tar Creek, The Movie Coleman Theater**

**Meg Sullivan Chat Piles and Student Presentations**

Tickets available at conference or at the door

**Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup>**

## **Watershed Effects**

- 8:00 – 9:00 **Registration**  
*Olive Sullivan Writing Workshop begins*
- 9:00 – 9:30 **Pre-Natal Arsenic Exposure as a Risk Factor for Diabetes and Childhood Obesity**  
Dr. Adrienne Ettinger, Harvard School of Public Health
- 9:30 – 12:00 **Watershed Effects Panel** *Moderator – Earl Hatley, Grand Riverkeeper*

### **Overview of Beneficial Use of Area Streams**

Derek Smithee, Oklahoma Water Resources Board

### **Industrialized Poultry Production, the Environmental and Human Health**

Dr. Bert Fisher, President, Litho Chimela, Inc.

### **Water Quality Impacts to Local Use and Tourism**

Daniel Saliza, owner Twin Bridges Bait Shop  
Tim Wilson, parent

### **Sustainable Farming**

Wes Downing, Owner Downing Family Farm

### **Discussion of Factory Farm Model (All, with audience)**

- 12:00 - **Mike Synar Awards, Fundraiser Drawings, Silent Auction Ends**

Dr.s James and Susie Aber will conduct Blimp/Kite demonstration at Mayer Ranch if weather did not permit on Tuesday.

**End of Conference**