



# Gabriel Gazette

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## Bayou Blast!

Wow! Did we have a blast Down on the Bayou! Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Open House in early September. Despite

Hurricane Lee trying to put a damper on the party, our tents, patio heaters, and camaraderie kept everyone warm and dry!

We hope you were able to enjoy a tour of

our laboratory and renewable energy systems, as well as check out a soil boring demonstration. As always, if you have any questions about any of these tours/demos, don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

We've posted some pictures up on our website ([gabrielenvironmental.com/Calendar](http://gabrielenvironmental.com/Calendar)) from the Open House. If you weren't able to join us this year, we hope to see you next September instead!



## It's Almost RD-925 Time Again!

As a reminder, this is the time of year when MWRD sends out its RD-925 forms and Gabriel requests information in order to complete them for your facility.

Below is the information we will need for the reports:

1. A year's worth of water bills with water meter readings for 2011. For example: October 2010 through October 2011.
2. 2010 real estate tax bills payable in 2011, specifically the 2nd installment invoice you recently received.

This has the itemized breakdown-indicating the amount allocated to the MWRD. Your tax credit is based on this amount.

3. The most recent RD-913 statement for 2011 paid to the MWRD. We will check the balance with the MWRDGC Finance Department at the end of this year.

4. If you have sub-meters to
  - verify water loss,
  - water-to-product,
  - any flow-splits or final outfall flow measurements;

Provide copies of these weekly logs, as well as any water meter calibration certification.

### 2011's User Charge Annual Certified Statement is due February 20th, 2012

If you have questions about the RD-925 filing, contact Antonio Tabacchi at 773-486-2123.

## Illinois Enforcing Sulfuric Acid Reporting Requirements

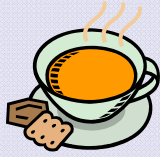


Any facility which has more than 500 pounds of sulfuric acid is required to submit an annual report to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA). Illinois has recently been cracking down on enforcement of this reporting requirement, including fining companies \$30,000 to \$60,000 for the violation. Many facilities do not realize that acid in batteries counts towards the reporting quantity requirements.

Tier II reporting requirements for sulfuric acid include chemical name, description, hazards, amounts, and locations, as well as best estimate of the maximum amount of sulfuric acid at the facility on any single day.

Tier II reports are due March 1st of the following year (eg: 2011's report is due March 1st, 2012). If you have not completed previous year's forms and want to avoid potential violations, contact Brigid McHale at 773-486-2123.

## Recipe Corner



### Polenta & Spinach Soup

- 1 cup, plus 4 tsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1/2 cup finely grated parmesan cheese
- 3 cups coarsely chopped baby spinach (about 2 oz.)
- 1 tsp coarse salt
- Freshly ground pepper, for garnish
- 1 lemon, cut into wedges

1) Heat 1/4 cup oil and the garlic in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat until garlic is fragrant, about 1 minute.

2) Add 6 cups water, bring to a boil. Whisking constantly, add cornmeal in a slow, steady stream. Reduce heat to medium; cook, stirring occasionally, until soup has thickened slightly, about 8 minutes.

3) Add cheese and 1/4 cup oil; cook, stirring, until oil is incorporated, about 1 minute.

4) Stir in spinach and salt; cook, stirring, until spinach is bright green and wilted, about 1 minute more.

5) Divide soup among bowls and drizzle each with 1 tsp of oil. Season soup with pepper and serve with lemon wedges.

*Brigid McHale*  
*Fall Soup Contest*

## Industrial Reporting Due Dates Reminder

### October

- **October 31** - ERMS Seasonal Emissions Report  
*For participating facilities with 10 or less ATUs*

### November

- **November 10** - SPCC Plans  
*For facilities with an aggregate of 1,320 gallons or more of oil*
- **November 30** - ERMS Seasonal Emissions Report  
*For participating facilities with 11 or more ATUs*

## Reminder: SPCC Plans Due November 10, 2011



Time is running out to make sure your facility is up-to-date to meet this deadline. All facilities with an aggregate of 1,320 gallons or more of oil (defined as anything that creates a sheen on water) must have an updated SPCC plan.

### SPCC Plans

Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans are part of the Oil Pollution Prevention regulations to prevent oil discharges from reaching navigable waters or shorelines. Under these regulations, certain facilities are required to develop SPCC Plans that describe equipment, workforce, procedures, and training to prevent, control, and provide adequate countermeasures to a discharge of oil.

Over the last several years, EPA has amended its SPCC requirements multiple times in response to concerns from the industrial community. Its final amendments were published in November 2009 and finalized in January 2010, with a November 10th, 2011 implementation date.

MWRD also has SPCC requirements for those facilities in Cook County which differ slightly from the federal regulations. Those regulations are already in effect.

If your facility meets MWRD or EPA's requirements for needing a SPCC plan (or if you're unsure if your facility meets these requirements), contact Steve Sawyer at 773-486-2123 with any questions or to develop/amend your plan.

## Attn: Breweries!

Many breweries are not aware that they have to follow air permitting regulations. The Illinois EPA has been making sure the growing craft brewery industry is following their requirements by increasing violation notices.

If you're involved with the brewing industry and want to know more about your environmental requirements, contact Brigid McHale at 773-486-2123.

