

**North Carolina Pretreatment Consortium  
2009 Conference Evaluation Summary**

Participant Information

POTW	26
Consultant	0
Industry	1
Other	2
No Answer	5

Overall

Were the materials in the preregistration and registration packets and handouts from the speaker helpful?

YES	29
NO	5
No Answer	0

Did you participate in the reception?

If yes, was this a useful and relaxing way of networking with peers

YES	22
NO	8
No Answer	5

Comment: *Definitely always a lot of fun!, Did not participate*

Future pretreatment conference locations, I would prefer:

- Mountains or Coast*
- Current rotation of locations seems fine*
- Beach or mountains only!*
- Charlotte*
- Mountains or Coast; not central*
- Outerbanks*
- Beach location*
- Sea Trails, Asheville, Charlotte*
- Raleigh, Greensboro, Asheville, Sunset Beach*
- Mountains and Beach*
- Atlantic Beach*
- Beach and Mountains*
- Beach*
- Here (Mountains) or the coast*
- Mountains, Coast, Mountains, Coast etc....*

How can we improve the conference?

- Compliance Info*
- No more panels. All info could have been in handout. Spare us the pain!*
- Low carb & sugar free choices at breakfast*
- It is great as it is. Not too long. Good food. Should allow some touring of area - maybe 3-6 the first day if you do anything at all*
- Start conference 12 noon on Sun and end at noon Tue to allow for travel times. Less lecture, more discussion*
- I prefer handouts instead of the CD. Maybe shorten day 2 for those w/ long travel*
- Overall the conference was pretty good. Many thanks to all who worked hard to put this together*
- Well done*
- Fist time attending. Enjoyed it, don't know what could have been added.*
- Morning sessions should not start before 9 AM*

Presentations

Useful Information    Informative but Not Useful    No Answer    Excellent    Adequate    Inadequate    No Answer

Pretreatment 101	5	0	0	3	2	0	0	Comment: Did not attend (2)
FOG 101 Workshop	5	0	0	3	2	0	0	Comment: Did not attend (2)
Emerging Pollutants: Both sides of the fence	21	6	7	20	11	0	4	
NC-PC Update	26	1	7	24	8	0	2	
NC DWQ Update	26	0	8	23	9	0	2	
Emergency Repsonse: Fuel oil In the sewer!	24	4	6	26	5	0	3	Comment: Very good presentation
SSO Enforcement	24	2	8	22	9	1	2	
<b>Round Table Discussions</b>								
Sampling	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Ask DWQ	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	
Blank (unknown)	12	0	5	17	2	0	2	
IWS	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	
Pretreatment Newbie	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
SSO	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	
Septage	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	Comment: Great conversations
What do you do?	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	
FOG	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	
Creative Enforcement	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	
EPA Effluent Guidelines Update & Metal Finishing/Electroplating Cat.	23	4	7	23	9	0	2	
Acetone Analytical Problem at Pharmaceutical SIU	23	3	8	24	6	1	3	
Cyanide Case Study-NPDES Quantitation Level	27	0	7	29	2	0	3	
Conducting a Lab Audit	24	3	7	21	10	1	2	
The Current Economic Crisis and Pretreatment Programs: PT Fee Panel	21	3	10	11	13	2	8	Comment: Slides were redundant w/ panel discussion
Innovative Responses to Economic Impact on PT Programs	18	3	13	14	9	1	10	

Additional Information

**Was the time set aside for each session**

Just right?	30	Comment: <i>Great Job, Overall</i>
Too long?	1	Comment: <i>Some were too long, most were just right</i>
Too short?	1	Comment: <i>Too short for DWQ-PERCS, too short for water quality updates</i>
No Answer	2	

**What topics would you like to have included in the 2010 conference?**

*Proper sampling for various parameters, program presentation, handling, etc.*  
*Skit or play*  
*Flow chart for permitting and sampling a new industry with no historical background*  
*cBod vs. Cod; impact of pretreatment on biosolids; economy on the upswing - what it means to pretreatment*  
*HWA problems/solutions, IWS problems/solutions*  
*Love the case histories! Spills, etc. Thomasville SSO spill would be good*  
*FOG - Proper sampling to establish compliance*  
*Economic impact info*  
*Like EPA guy & updates - Everything good. Liked real case stories, CN and Acetone and Lab*  
*Biosolids handling - Tim Woody? Reuse Water - Jessie Luper?, Lab/PT Cooperation, Emergency Response - Spill Response Plan*

**Would you prefer to continue receiving the Presentation on disc?**

YES	27	Comment: <i>What disc?</i>
NO	1	
No Answer	6	

**Please provide other specific comments:**

*Disc is okay, but too much paper to keep up with that was on CD and hard to find what you need because you have to pull out everything to find agenda, game, ect.*  
*End the awards on the Monday lunch - Brutal!*  
*Very good conference*  
*Awards lunch was good - maybe need more time for this though*  
*Good Job*  
*Speaker hard to hear and I can't follow where presentation is going. I get lost in the presentation. Presenter needs to speak up.*  
*The Theme next year should be something more people can participate in that's not costly*  
*Very interesting topics. Excellent Conference*  
*Everything from topics to accommodations were great*  
*Would like no lunch break and leave early*  
*Some presentations were too technical*  
*One presentation included too much time reading slides to audience, I can read yes and no. NO additional help needed caused session to be too long*

**Would you like to volunteer for the 2010 Pretreatment Conference Committee?**

YES	3
NO	11
No Answer	20