

THURSDAY, May 15, 2003 Pre-conference Activities

1:00 - 5:00

Anthracite Regional Watershed Bus Tour & Huber Breaker and Lackawanna Coal Mine Tours
- EPCAMR and Local Watershed Groups

OR

EPA Clean Water Act Workshop
- EPCAMR and EPA Region III

Anthracite Regional Watershed Bus Tour

The bus trip route through the Northern Anthracite Coal Field Watersheds is to include visits to AMD Outfalls, Brownfield AML Redevelopment Sites, AMD Passive Treatment Systems, Natural Stream Channel Design AML Reclamation Projects, Coal Ash Reclamation Sites, and Recreational Areas constructed on abandoned mine lands.

A possible short hike to the historical and tragic site of the Knox Mine Disaster is also being considered. EPCAMR will be working with the PA DEP-Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation, Lackawanna River Corridor Association, Lackawanna County Conservation District, Luzerne Conservation District, Wilkes University, and the Earth Conservancy to finalize the Anthracite Regional Watershed Bus Tour.

Huber Breaker Tour



Since it's closing in 1976, The Huber Breaker has survived the ravages of time. The weather, vandalism and salvage operations have threatened its very existence. When construction was completed in 1939, the breaker was the modern wonder of its time. It incorporated technological advancements as well as past architectural milestones that made it useful well past the expiration of deep mining in the Northern Anthracite Coalfields.

The largest breaker of its kind, built to process several local collieries' anthracite coal, it also includes six Menzies Cones for coal separation from the culm which accumulated from years of storing mining refuse. The cause to save the Huber began in the early 90's, and the present Huber Breaker Preservation Society is working hard to save the last original Anthracite coal breaker still standing, with the help of EPCAMR and other local partners including the Earth Conservancy and the landowner, Al Roman.

Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour Explore 300 feet beneath the earth. Meet a miner in the winding caverns while traveling down through three different veins of hard coal.

Learn about life and hard coal times in the Shifting Shanty, photo-mural exhibits, mining tools, artifacts and video presentations located in the PA Anthracite Historical Museum adjacent to the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour.

EPA Clean Water Act Workshop

Working at a Watershed Level covers the Clean Water Act, assessment and analysis, planning methodologies, restoration and management approaches, coal mine drainage, agriculture and urban issues, public involvement strategies, and outreach / education program development.



The course is designed as a basic training program for watershed group coordinators and members, agency staff, consultants, and others who address watershed issues in the Appalachian Region.