



**Environment and Energy Committee  
Summer Meeting  
August 8-9, 2008  
The Allerton Hotel  
701 N. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL**

**Agenda**

*Thursday, August 7 (optional)*

6:30 p.m. – meet in hotel lobby to walk or cab to Navy Pier for informal dinner

*Friday, August 8*

8:15 a.m.      **Breakfast**

8:30 a.m.      **Opening Remarks & Announcements**

Mike Cline, Chairman, ACEC Environment & Energy Committee,  
Hannum, Wagle & Cline, Indianapolis, Indiana

Diane S, Shea, Director of Environmental & Energy Programs, ACEC,  
Washington, DC

8:45 a.m.      **Great Lakes Issues**

Speaker: Tim Eder, Executive Director  
Great Lakes Commission

*The Great Lakes Commission is a bi-national agency that promotes the development, use and conservation of the water and related natural resources of the Great Lakes Basin and St. Lawrence River. Its members include the eight Great Lakes states and the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Québec. Our speaker will cover such issues as water diversions for drinking water, ecosystem restoration, Superfund and brownfields cleanups, and ballast water issues in the Great Lakes Basin.*

10:00 a.m.      **Chicago O’Hare Airport: Sustainable Modernization Program**

Speaker: Chris Arman, Deputy Director  
O’Hare Modernization Program

*A \$6.6 billion initiative of the City of Chicago, the O'Hare Modernization Program will increase airport capacity as well as serve as a benchmark for environmental stewardship in design and construction, embracing the best possible environmental, social and fiscally responsible practices. Our speaker will focus on the program's sustainable design standards and consulting firm recognition system for outstanding sustainable design.*

**11:00 a.m. Removing Market Barriers to Green Buildings**  
*Speaker:* Chris Choi, Research Associate  
Land Revitalization Group  
U.S. EPA, Region 5

*Buildings are responsible for nearly 40% of U.S. energy use and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, as well as more than 12% of the total water consumed in the nation per day. Green buildings can provide economic profits to owners as well as environmental and energy saving benefits. So why isn't everyone on board? Our speaker will review the most significant market impediments to green development practices and outline EPA's approach to developing strategies to eliminate or minimize the barriers.*

12:00 Noon Lunch

**1:00 p.m. The Chicago Climate Exchange**  
*Speaker:* Stephen McComb, Economist  
Chicago Climate Exchange

*The Chicago Climate Exchange Inc., launched in 2003, is the world's first and North America's only active voluntary, legally binding integrated trading system to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases with offset projects worldwide. Our speaker will focus on how the exchange operates and how it strives to meet its goals, including transparency, environmental integrity, building skills and institutions for cost-effectively managing GHGs and facilitating capacity building in public and private sectors.*

**2:00 p.m. Illinois Energy and Electricity Overview**  
*Speaker:* James R. Monk, President  
Illinois Energy Association

*The Illinois Energy Association represents six investor-owned electric and natural gas utilities that provide utility service to millions of Illinois customers. Our speaker will focus primarily on coal and nuclear-based power production, as well as biomass fuel production, reviewing the challenges, initiatives, and environmental considerations of these sectors in the overall energy picture.*

**3:30 p.m. -- Potential New Committee Initiatives – Visioning**

*Mike Cline, Chairman, will lead the Committee in a discussion of how the Committee has evolved and where we are going, both in the near term and 10 years from now. While the Committee's core purposes and function continues to be more effective advocacy and education, how do we get there? For example, is the Committee subcommittee structure conducive to accomplishing our missions? Can we be more influential within ACEC as well as on Capitol Hill? The open ended discussion will help guide our future activities: all Committee members are encouraged to bring their ideas.*

6:30 p.m. -- **Reception\*\* and Committee Dinner**

**Mike Ditka's Restaurant**

**The Tremont Hotel, 100 E. Chestnut St. (just off Michigan Ave.)**

*Join us for a special reception and dinner at the famous Ditka's Restaurant, owned and operated by "Da Coach" Mike Ditka, former American football NFL player, television commenter, and coach of the Chicago Bears.*

*\*\*Special thanks to R.W. Beck, Inc. for its generous sponsorship of the cocktail reception*

*Saturday, August 9: Committee Business Meeting*

8:15 a.m. – Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. -- **Governmental Affairs -- Federal Legislative Update**

Diane S. Shea

ACEC Director of Environmental and Energy Programs

9:30 a.m. -- **Subcommittee Updates**

- Carbon Balance Advisory Group
- Sustainability
- Energy
- Water Infrastructure Advisory Group
- Public Markets
- Private Markets

10:30 a.m. -- **Regional Hot-Topics/Emerging Markets Roundtable**

11:30 a.m. -- **Discussion – Future Meeting Locations**

12:00 Noon -- **Adjourn**