

# O.V.E.C.

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## O V E C N E W S

### OVEC RECEIVES \$25,000 GRANT

The W. Alton Jones Foundation of Charlottesville, Virginia recently awarded OVEC a \$25,000 grant to organize Tri-State citizens and environmentalists around air quality issues.

In December 1990, David Speedie, Environmental Director for W. Alton Jones, met with OVEC and solicited a grant proposal for work on Tri-State air quality issues, specifically, Ashland Oil pollution problems.

Funding will be used to employ Dianne Bady and Brian Hagenbuch as part-time organizers and pay some expenses related to OVEC activities.

Emphasis will be placed on educating Tri-State citizens about air quality problems and using the information to urge state and federal regulators to act on enforcing all applicable laws for all industries.

### EARTH DAY-APRIL 21

Earth Day--1991 celebrations will be held in Ritter Park, Huntington, on April 21. Last year, OVEC had an information table, issued a clean-up challenge to Tri-State polluters, and participated in a forum on clean air and jobs.

OVEC will again have a booth at Earth Day. We are in the process of writing a brochure and fact sheets for distribution on Earth Day.

### SEAC RALLY AT AOI ON APRIL 12

The Student Environmental Action Coalition, a network of college and university groups from around the country, is planning a rally at Ashland Oil Corporate Headquarters in Russell, KY on April 12, at 1:00pm.

The gathering will feature street theatre by students dramatizing the idea that schools cannot adequately educate if students and teachers are affected by polluted air.

Speeches will be given by members of OVEC, SEAC, WV Citizens Action Group, and KY Citizen Action. Please plan to attend and support clean air and corporate accountability.

### MEMBERS DRIVE

OVEC is sponsoring a membership drive. If you know people who may be interested in supporting OVEC's efforts by becoming members, please let us know so we can send them membership info.

Increasing membership is critical to the success of OVEC's efforts.

Dues are \$5/regular and \$25/contributing. Dues and donations are tax deductible. Send to:

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## OVEC INVITED TO "CLUSTER"

The keystone Center in Colorado specializes in bringing people together to discuss controversial issues. OVEC has been invited by the Keystone Center to be part of a nationwide "Cluster group" on the environmental regulation of petroleum industries.

OVEC member Rick Bady will be travelling to Washington DC to meet with EPA technicians on May 1. Refinery activists from around the country have also been invited, so this will be a great opportunity to compare notes with like-minded folks.

One issue Rick will raise with the EPA is that regulations aren't worth the paper they're written on if they're not enforced. The Keystone Center is paying all Rick's expenses for the trip.

### NEWS OF NOTE

DO YOU KNOW A GROUP OVEC COULD SPEAK TO ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES? IF SO, CALL DIANNE (614) 886-5796 OR BRIAN (304) 525-4803.

AN OVEC WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE IS FORMING. LET US KNOW IF YOUR INTERESTED.

### OVEC NEEDS YOUR HELP!

OVEC has a few openings on the Board of Directors. Nominations or volunteers are welcome!

Do you have news to share--Group activities? pollution problems? News articles? We'd like to know and perhaps use the info in the newsletter. Send it to us!

## EARTH DAY SYMPOSIUM AT WV STATE

A "State of the West Virginia Environment" Symposium will be held at West Virginia State College in Institute on April 19 and 20. Four OVEC members will be presenting papers:

-- Dianne Bady will speak on "Tri-State Air Quality Issues," providing an overview of recent research reports on area health and air pollution studies and why environmentalists fight for cleaner air in the valley. Copies available from OVEC for \$3.00 (to cover costs).

-- Rick Bady will present a paper on "Air Pollution and Health: Two case studies in West Virginia." Rick will focus on the Tri-State and Kanawha Valley air studies.

-- Brian Hagenbuch will give a presentation on "Pollution Prevention: Industrial Hype or Environmental Hope" providing an incentive-based mechanism for reducing emissions.

-- Janet Fletcher will speak on "Education, Values and the Environment: Taking the Long-term view."

The conference is open to the public. For more information, contact OVEC.

### OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL CURRICULA READY

Ohio University at Ironton is preparing to distribute environmental curriculum materials to 19 Tri-State area high schools. The curricula, due in schools this month, contains a chapter by Dianne Bady entitled "Environmental Activism: Advocacy for the Earth." The curriculum is a great outreach to students and teachers.