Air Pollution Distance Learning Network

The Air Pollution Distance Learning Network (APDLN) is an educational satellite broadcast network of over one hundred government and university broadcast associates located across the United States. The APDLN is the result of a cooperative partnership between the Environmental Protection Agency, state, local and tribal air pollution control agencies.

Timely seminars and up-to-date technical telecourses are delivered through the APDLN to state and local government environmental professionals as well as the private sector. Air quality issues are the focus of this convenient, timely and low-cost training delivery mechanism. Training is delivered to sites at a fraction of the cost of traditional classroom methods, saving participants travel, time and money while developing and enhancing their knowledge of and skills in air pollution control and environmental programs and policies.

During seminars and telecourses, participants are able to interact with the nation’s leading authorities on the latest air pollution control findings, monitoring devices and systems. Participants can ask questions of regulators and litigators and interact with the implementers on the APDLN. Many courses delivered over the APDLN are those of the Air Pollution Training Institute, long recognized as the educational authority in the field of air quality and pollution control. Other courses are the result of partnerships being formed with other distance learning networks.

The APDLN is managed by the EPA’s Education and Outreach Group, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards. Currently, the TAMS Resource Information Center serves as a downlink site for the Network. There is one other downlink site in Nevada located at the Bureau of Air Quality, Carson City, Nevada. For more information on the APDLN, please contact Polly Hennessey at x2331.
The next scheduled APDLN Telecourse is:

March 26, 2003
Air Toxics Now
10:00 a.m.—Noon PST

This broadcast will feature reports on a state initiative that replaces facility-specific state permits with industry-wide environmental performance standards and annual certifications of compliance on the relationship between the air toxics program and the highest priority air program, PM fine and an update on the Cleveland indoor air project.

The broadcast will also feature a story that looks at the Residual Risk program and efforts underway to develop risk assessment guidelines. A number of research programs will be highlighted including a NOAA mussel watch program that is part of the Persistent Organic Pollutant program.

Finally, a sneak preview of the 2003 Air Toxics Implementation Workshop will be provided along with announcements on air toxic topics that may be of interest to the viewers.

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