

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

Black Lab Pub, Churchill Room • 4100 Montrose Blvd.

Social 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25 Preregistered members; \$30 non-members & walk-ups

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HGS Environmental & Engineering Dinner Meeting

Richard Chapin
City of Houston

Municipal Setting Designations in Houston

Do you want to know what a Municipal Setting Designation (MSD) is, how it can help you and how we got here? This presentation will answer those questions and discuss the MSD process in Houston. An MSD reduces the health risk to people living and working in the area by preventing use of contaminated ground water. An official notice that the ground water is contaminated and cannot be used will be filed on the applicant's deed in the property records and the ban will be enforced by the city. This can help a contaminated site be developed or redeveloped because the requirement to investigate and remediate existing contaminated groundwater for use as potable water may be eliminated. Some success stories and some potential pitfalls will also be discussed. ■

Biographical Sketch

RICHARD CHAPIN works for the City of Houston as a Senior Project

Manager in the Planning Branch of the Public Works and Engineering Department. Richard is currently responsible for the City's Municipal Setting Designation (MSD), Total Daily Maximum Load (TMDL), and Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4) programs. He has over 30 years of water quality, remediation, and geologic experience. Prior to joining the City in 2008, Richard worked as an environmental regulation expert for a major international chemical manufacturer. Chapin has helped sites across the country with issues dealing with stormwater, waste water, potable water, NPDES, Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC), Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW), and groundwater contamination investigations and cleanups.

