

# FEDERAL WATER QUALITY ASSOCIATION SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON PROGRAM

Protecting Our Global Water Resources:

*“Responding to the Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico.”*

Featured Speaker: **Gilberto “Tito” Irizarry, Director Program Operations and Coordination Division, EPA’s Office of Emergency Management**

The September luncheon speaker Gilberto “Tito” Irizarry is the Director of the Program Operations and Coordination Division (POCD), Office of Emergency Management (OEM) at the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Tito joined the EPA Headquarters in July 2005. As a part of the Office of the Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER), the OEM is responsible for the implementation of the Oil Pollution Prevention Program under the Clean Water Act (CWA); oversight of the National Emergency Response and Removal programs under Superfund and the Oil Pollution Act (OPA); and oversight of National Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention programs. OEM also plays a major role in leading Agency efforts related to Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.



As the Director of POCD, Tito is responsible for coordination and oversight for OEM operational programs that include: staffing and management of the HQ Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Integrated Regional Coordination of OEM programs, the National Incident Coordination Team (NICT) and the Response Committee of the National Response Team (NRT).

Prior to joining Headquarters, Tito served for 7 years in the capacity of Federal On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) in EPA Region 1 (Boston, MA). Before joining the EPA in 1998, Tito worked as a civilian Project Engineer in two different Department of Defense facilities. Tito holds a B.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida.

Please join us as Tito discusses the current situation in the Gulf of Mexico following the BP oil spill. Learn about the events surrounding the spill, the Federal response, clean up efforts, and the short and long term impacts on the water and the ecosystem along the Gulf coast.

**LOCATION:** Channel Inn, 650 Water Street, SW, Washington, D.C.

**DATE:** Thursday, September 30, 2010

**TIME:** 11:30 a.m. Registration\Networking 12:00 p.m. Lunch

**COST:** \$25 (with reservation) \$30 (walk-in) *Cash or check payable to FWQA at the door*

**RESERVATIONS:** Call Jim Wheeler (202) 564-0662 or Clara Alston (202) 564-0677 by Monday, September 27, 2010 to make your reservation and menu selection (tarragon chicken, filet of sole, medallions of beef, fruit plate, pasta, or seafood Newburg). Please Make a Reservation and Menu Selection. Cancellations must be made 48 hours prior to the luncheon. Only a limited of walk-ins can be accommodated - no-shows will be billed.