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Meeting Spotlight

The COPRI Texas Chapter held a luncheon in conjunction with the Western Dredging Association (WEDA) Gulf Coast Chapter Meeting at the San Luis Resort in Galveston, TX on November 13th. Information regarding the local COPRI Texas Chapter was presented to both COPRI and WEDA members.

ASCE Younger Members and COPRI Texas attended the Sam Houston Boat Tour on January 24th. This event was an educational tour along the Houston Ship Channel with information about the Port of Houston and the maritime industry.

Project Spotlight

Recent growth along the Gulf Coast has prioritized the Port of Houston Authority to fast-track the Houston Ship Channel Expansion project. The recent boom in resin exports in the region has been noted as the primary driver and has caused this project to become the Port’s “number one priority” as quoted by Roger Guenther, the executive director at the Port of Houston.

Additional pressure on the channel is due to the expansion in cargo volume. In the first 11 months of 2019, the volume of loaded TEU increased 11.4% to 2.27 million loaded TEU through the port according to PIERS, a sister company of JOC.com.

Demonstrating the Port’s commitment and dedication to the channel expansion, design contracts were awarded last November totaling $28 million to be executed upon federal authorization.

Information obtained from article “Growth Spurs Houston Port to Fast-Track Channel Widening” at www.joc.com.

Emerging Technologies

Riteks has been a leading industrial chemical supplier for specialty applications for oilfields, construction, coatings, adhesives, sealants, and custom chemical manufacturing for over 30 years. From state-of-the-art facilities in Houston and McKinney, Texas, Riteks takes a dual approach, through leading-edge portfolio products and customized product blends, helping customers with targeted solutions and technologies for the most demanding environments. Riteks is known for industry expertise and unparalleled service.

Riteks’ driving philosophy is to eliminate customer confusion in a marketplace littered with hundreds of alternatives in epoxies and other coatings. Riteks believes that a core set of coatings with versatile applications, complemented by unique, custom manufacturing platform for creating and enhancing specialty coatings, can serve all of your needs for performance and return on investment.

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https://www.riteks.com/

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The Ports & Dredging Engineering Program Manager provides technical and business support, supporting capital projects, short and long-range planning, and coordinates professional engineering work in support of a wide range of complex projects for Port Houston, with a specific focus on dredging. The Port of Houston is seeking a candidate that will display attention to detail, commitment, professionalism, and sense of urgency.

Port Houston is looking for people who are willing to think about the future...and think big!

For more information or to apply, please visit: