

EPA Appoints New Bay Program Director

PHILADELPHIA — Donald S. Welsh, regional administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA's), mid-Atlantic Region, announced that Rebecca Hanmer has been selected as the new director of EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program.

"Rebecca brings an unparalleled record of experience to the important job of protecting the nation's largest estuary," said Welsh. "She has been an important leader in the development of many federal water protection programs, and I am confident that she will expand our partnership efforts that will lead to real and measurable environmental benefits in the bay and its entire watershed."

Hanmer is director of Region III's Water Protection Division, a post she has held since December 2000. A career federal executive, Hanmer began her government

serve in 1964 as a program analyst in the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Hanmer is a charter member of the EPA, joining when the agency was created in 1970. Since 1975 she has held a number of executive positions in EPA in both Washington and in several EPA regions. Her posts have included acting assistant administrator for water, deputy assistant administrator for water, regional administrator for Region IV in Atlanta, action regional administrator for EPA's Region VIII in Denver, director of the Office of Water Enforcement and Permits and Federal Activities in EPA headquarters, and deputy regional administrator for Region I in Boston.

From 1990 to 1997 Hanmer worked for the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris, where she managed OECD's technology

and environment program and headed the Pollution Prevention and Control Division.

Prior to her current post, Hanmer was EPA's program manager for the mountaintop mining/valley fill environmental impact statement, and from 1997 to 1998 she was Region III's liaison with the District of Columbia.

A native of Keysville, Va., Hanmer is a recipient of the President's Distinguished Federal Executive Award and has twice received the President's Meritorious Federal Executive Award. She attended the College of William and Mary, New York University and the American University in Washington, D.C., and has a bachelor's and master's degree in political science.

Alpaca Heritage Event April 6

WRIGHTSTOWN, N.J. — The second annual Alpaca Heritage Event will be conducted Saturday, April 6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in middle New Jersey near Wrightstown (see directions below). This event will have something for everyone who is interested in alpacas:

- More than 40 alpacas
- New and established breeders
- Herdsire Showcase
- Alpaca fiber products
- Spinning Demos
- Fiber Processing Mill
- Huacayas and Suris
- 16 breeders on-site

For a fun-filled day, this small-scale event will also provide a great amount of usable information. In addition, there will be free admission, refreshments, free parking, and offer a roofed facility. The event will be held rain or shine.

The following day, April 7, participating farms will provide tours without appoint-

ments to see more alpacas, ask more questions, and observe real-life setups. A farm tour map will be available at the Saturday event or by mail before the event.

For more information contact Jovi Larson (908) 806-6255 or Nicky Roth (717) 456-7934 or log on to www.mountairyalpacas.com/newjersey.html.

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Drive past Six Flags on Rt. 537 West. At 8.9 miles from the exit, turn right onto Province Line Road. At 0.1 miles, turn right into H.R. Precision Rebuilding Center.

Foraging Around, the newsletter of the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council is scheduled April 20. The section includes additional coverage of the Council's recent annual conference in Grantville. Also included are features with a focus on making hay for specialty markets.



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