

THE UPDATE

Volume 2
Number 8
August, 2005



The goal of our monthly update is to provide information on timely matters that may impact your practice and professional interests.



MIT REPORT STIRS GREATER HURRICANE CONCERNS

MIT recently reported that hurricanes in the North Atlantic and North Pacific have nearly doubled in strength over the past three decades, according to its recent climate research. The storms are reaching higher wind speeds and are growing larger than in the past. MIT Hurricane Specialist Kerry Emanuel noted that a temperature rise of only 0.5 degrees Celsius (or 0.9 degrees F) at the sea's surface has been correlated to the increased strength of hurricanes, typhoons and cyclones. Are we prepared?



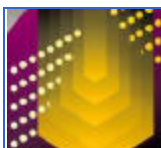
BIG DIG CONCRETE SUPPLIER BEING INVESTIGATED

The Boston Globe recently reported that Aggregate Industries is under investigation for possibly delivering substandard concrete to Boston's \$14.6 Billion Big Dig project. The firm's offices in Peabody, Saugus, and Everett were raided by police and prosecutors. Undisclosed sources indicate that false documentation was discovered regarding old and rejected concrete possibly used in the Big Dig project and which could be linked to leaks now present in the underground tunnels.



PROPOSED NEW RIVER LOCKS MAY HOLD THE KEY ?

Barges often have to wait one and a half hours before being able to pass through a river lock on the Illinois River, near La Grange, Illinois built nearly 100 years ago. A process known as cutting now lets only approximately one half of the barges waiting to pass through at any one time. A proposal now before Congress and approved by the House in mid-July to spend \$3.6 billion to install seven new locks for the the current bottlenecks and ecologically restore the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers is meeting some resistance from critics in Congress who say the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers should develop better and less costly ways to shuttle traffic and focus more on restoration.



9 STATES CHALLENGE US ON NOT REGULATING GASES

Officials of 9 northeastern states have announced tentative plans to reduce power plant emissions by 10% below current levels by 2020- a move believed spurred the Administration's decision not to regulate greenhouse gases linked to global warming. Once an agreement is reached, their respective legislatures will be required to enact emission controls, resulting in higher energy prices which they hope to offset by developing new pollution control technology subsidized by monies received from the sale of emission allowances to the same regulated utilities.

The above information does not represent the opinions of Meckler Forensic Group or any of its clients. It is offered to inform on matters that may directly or indirectly affect potential litigation issues or collateral interests. If any of your colleagues would also like to receive a copy or for any reason you do not wish to receive this mailing in the future, please send an e-mail to UPDATE@mforensicgroup.com. For additional details about us, please consult our Meckler Forensic Group Internet directory listing at www.jurispro.com or visit our website at www.mforensicgroup.com

Meckler Forensic Group

Address	10573 West Pico Blvd. #200 Los Angeles, CA. 90064	200 2nd Ave. South #204 St. Petersburg, FL. 33701
Phone	(310)913-3864	(800)556-1932
FAX	(800)210-6244	(800)308-5811
EMail	mmeckler@mforensicgroup.com	
URL	http://www.mforensicgoup.com	