

SRC TACKLES ECONOMIC RECESSION

The Scientific Research Council (SRC) today kicked off its Wastewater Management training workshop aimed at providing persons from the engineering and construction industries with information to aid in the construction of the wastewater treatment systems being promulgated by the SRC.

The course which forms part of SRC's strategy to assist displaced professionals affected by the global economic recession was also designed in answer to the increasing demand for cost-effective wastewater treatment systems throughout Jamaica and the Caribbean.

The SRC owns a patent on the Biodigester Septic Tank (BST) and is using its technical expertise to train these individuals in implementing the systems, not only as a means of providing an alternative source of income, but to contribute to a safe and green environment.

Chairman of the SRC, Mr. James Moss-Solomon, at the opening ceremony of the workshop stated that there is not a lack of engineering skills in Jamaica but this field has not always been employed to safeguard the environment. According to Mr. Moss-Solomon there is no better time to get everyone involved than now as this could improve the economic value of our country in the global environment. "A clean environment and protection of our coral reefs could be of tremendous benefit to our tourism industry and would also provide us with a platform for advertising Jamaica as a green environment, which is very important in Europe the USA and other nations." Mr. Moss-Solomon also mentioned other long-term benefits that these systems when implemented could have on Jamaica, for instance "this technology can provide irrigation water in our 'Bread Basket' areas such as central Manchester and St. Elizabeth. Imagine how much these entities would be producing if they had a constant supply of water," stated SRC's Chairman. The other benefits according to the chairman would see to provision of jobs and an eventual reduction in energy bills through the utilization of biogas a by product of the anaerobic wastewater treatment system.

The SRC being highly proactive is now pushing industries and individuals to produce and implement technologies with implications for

economic development. The wastewater course will run for four days from May 19-22.

The NCTVET/SRC certified course will provide vital information on the theory and practical approach to Anaerobic/Biogas Technology. The SRC expects that this workshop will increase awareness, appreciation and use of the NEPA approved systems and facilitates SRC's expansion of its pool of certified contractors.

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Ms. Julia Brown, Manager of the Process Development Division of the Scientific Research Council speaks to participants at the Opening Ceremony of the Wastewater Management Workshop



Mr. James Moss-Solomon, Chairman of the Scientific Research Council shares a few words with participant at the recently held Wastewater Management/ Biogas Workshop



Cross-section of participants in the Wastewater Management Workshop



Mr. James Moss-Solomon, Chairman of the Scientific Research Council engages in dialogue with participants at the SRC's recently held Wastewater Management Workshop which was organised out of the need to provide engineers with alternatives, especially those affected by the economic recession



Manager of the Process Development Division of the Scientific Research Council, Ms. Julia Brown, illustrates the process of Anaerobic Technology to engineers who participated in the recently held SRC Wastewater Management Workshop