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On January 26, 2006 Fred Rohe was invited to make a special presentation on PVC liners to the Oil Conservation Division of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department in Santa Fe, NM. The 4 hour meeting provided information on constructing with PVC geomembranes, specifically as it applies to the oil exploration industry. The Michigan DEQ has required a minimum 20 mil PVC liner for protecting drilling reserve pits since 1977 and EPI has been providing 20 mil PVC geomembrane pit liners to the Michigan oil patch since 1980. New Mexico is developing new regulations for waste containment on all oil exploration and production sites.

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Dan Rohe and Brad DeArment demonstrated dual track hot air welding and the new ASTM D 7177 Air Channel testing procedure at a PGI conference in Chicago on February 2nd. The Constructing with PVC educational session was conducted in conjunction with CETCO. The demonstration was attended by about 45 engineers and geosynthetic professionals. Our thanks to Mr. Bob Trauger of CETCO for his invaluable assistance in setting up and organizing the meetings and demonstrations.

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Mark Wolschon and Dan Rohe are attending the ASTM D35 committee meetings this week in Phoenix. Originally scheduled for New Orleans, the venue had to be relocated. They will be attending meetings and continuing work on the PVC task group project of developing an ASTM specification for the new PVC geomembranes.

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A technical paper on the new ASTM D 7177 Standard Specification for Evaluation of PVC Dual Track Seamed Geomembranes written by Fred Rohe and Dan Rohe has been accepted for publication and presentation at the 8th International Conference on Geosynthetics in Yokohama, Japan. The conference will be held September 18-22, 2006. For more information call 1-800-OK-LINER.