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Grants. EERC, in partnership with the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, has been awarded a \$106,000 grant to bring U.S. environmental management content and teaching methods to Hong Kong. Tennessee was one of four states selected to receive grants in 1999 from the Council of State Governments' State Environmental Initiative (SEI). The SEI is sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development through the United States-Asia Environmental Partnership. Co-directors for the project are Senior Research Associate **Catherine Wilt** and Faculty Associate **Tom Dean** of UT's College of Business Administration. The project will help develop appropriate curriculum materials and provide environmental management training to academic staff of Hong Kong business schools.

Appointments. Research Scientist **Jean Peretz** recently assumed a three-year appointment as associate editor of *Society and Natural Resources*. The peer-reviewed journal, which presents social science research on environmental and natural resource issues, is published by Taylor & Francis Ltd. Donald Field and Frederick Buttel of the University of Wisconsin-Madison serve as co-editors.

Conferences. Senior Research Scientist **David Feldman** presented "Water Policy Challenges in the Southeast: Science and Policy" at Tennessee's Technology Summit held in June at the Knoxville Convention Center. The event paired the 26th annual WATTEC (Welding and Testing Technology Exhibition Conference) with the 5th annual traveling regional economic summit, which next year will take place in Huntsville, Alabama. This year's theme, "Showcasing Our Technology for Economic Development," highlighted the Tennessee Technology Corridor's diverse resources and partnerships. **Feldman** discussed regional approaches to managing water problems and reviewed conclusions of the August 1998 *Southeast Water Resources: Management and Supply Symposium* as part of the Environmental Safety Health and Quality Panel.

Projects. Student Intern **Valerie Diden**, a junior in UT's college scholars program, accepted a position at EERC for the summer under the sponsorship of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. **Diden**, who is majoring in environmental policy, will be working on a project titled "Water Supply Conflicts Between Tennessee and Neighboring States" with **David Feldman**. Part of **Diden**'s responsibilities will include interviewing various stakeholders across the state to gauge their awareness and perceptions of current water problems.

Publications. EERC's Water Resources Research Center, under the leadership of Associate Director **Tim Gangaware**, recently published an eight-page special insert in the *Knoxville News-Sentinel*. The publication highlights several projects of the WRRC and the Water Quality Forum, a consortium of Knox County agencies, organizations, and citizens working to improve water quality. The April 21st supplement, *KnoxCurrents*, features tips for keeping creeks healthy and illustrates the Earth-friendly methods WRRC and the Water Quality Forum partners used to restore stream banks and shorelines in Concord Park. The insert also discusses threats to Knox County watersheds and reviews the county's Adopt-A-Watershed program, which involves students in hands-on activities to help solve water quality problems.