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**Superfund and Brownfields Symposium Agenda**  
**August 20 – 22, 2018**  
**Jacksonville, FL**

**Theme: Partnerships**

**Day 1**

**6:30 – 8:00 AM**

**Symposium Check-In**

**8:00 to 9:00 AM**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**Moderator: Amy Brittain (OK), ASTSWMO CERCLA & Brownfields (CaBS) Subcommittee Chair**

**Speakers:**

- Franklin Hill, EPA Region 4
- Ken Kloo (NJ), ASTSWMO President
- Greg Strong, Florida DEP

**9:00 – 10:15**

**Plenary Session: Emergency Response**

**Moderator: Tamara Cardona (WA), ASTSWMO Removals Focus Group Member**

Regardless of one's position regarding climate, it remains without question that natural disasters strike, and when they do they can have a catastrophic impact on our environs; especially on already vulnerable contaminated sites. Not only that, the immediate dangers that occur during natural disasters and dealing with the aftermath of these events can strain even the most adept program. This session will highlight natural disasters and how they impact our environmental responses. A discussion about handling these disasters on a Regional/Federal scale will give a broader perspective on the issue.

**Speakers:**

- EPA Region 4

**10:15 – 10:45**

**NETWORKING BREAK**

10:45 – 12:15            BREAKOUTS

Session 1: The BUILD Act

Moderator: Amanda LeFevre (KY), ASTSWMO Brownfields Focus Group Chair

This session will bring EPA Brownfield Program staff and State program representatives together to discuss the recent BUILD Act and how it will change various aspect of the Brownfield Program including grants and liability.

Speakers:

- EPA OBLR

Session 2: EPA’s Sitewide Ready for Anticipated Use (SWRAU) Measure

Moderator: Amy Brittain (OK), ASTSWMO CERCLA & Brownfields (CaBS) Subcommittee Chair

The Sitewide Ready for Anticipated Use (SWRAU) measure is an EPA priority that reflects the Agency’s commitment to getting sites back to reuse. As a result, OSRTI is working on a number of efforts to help sites achieve SWRAU. Data analysis indicates that institutional control (IC) implementation is one of the most significant barriers to achieving SWRAU. EPA will share with States what the analysis has found so far, share recent steps EPA have taken, and solicit ideas on how to continue to improve States-EPA coordination to ensure effective IC implementation.

Speakers:

- Tim Ratsep (DE), Remedial Action Focus Group Chair
- EPA OSRTI

12:15 – 1:40    LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)

1:45 – 3:00    BREAKOUTS

Session 1: Site Assessment: Streamlining POC/Field Screening Docs (Resources)

Moderator: Hal Cantwell (OK), ASTSWMO Site Assessment Focus Group Member

Quality Site Assessments are the foundation of the CERCLA process. There are a multitude of methods and processes to facilitate high caliber assessments in the most efficient and effective manner. This session will provide training on the most important assessment tools and examples of how they are used.

Speakers:

- TBD

## Session 2: Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Training

Moderators: Sandeep Burman (MN), ASTSWMO Region 5 Board Member and Amy Brittain (OK), ASTSWMO CERCLA & Brownfields (CaBS) Subcommittee Chair

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of man-made chemicals that includes PFOA, PFOS, GenX, and many other chemicals. This training will cover what PFAS is, where it is found in the environment, how States and EPA are investigating and cleaning up PFAS, and what the future of regulatory actions may look like.

Speakers:

- Ginny Yingling, Minnesota Department of Health

3:00 – 3:15 NETWORKING BREAK

3:15 – 4:30 BREAKOUTS

## Session 1: Removals Session

Moderators: Removals Focus Group

The Removals Focus Group's most recent research into what resources and capacities States and EPA have available and can share, to work cooperatively on completing removal actions in these challenging times of decreasing funding revealed ways that our programs can complement the other, while shedding light on areas for improvement. The information gathered was very meaningful, and the Focus Group hopes to see the continuation of the project; to take what the Removals Group discovered and produce a tangible deliverable to help improve the already healthy cooperative federalism in play between the States and their prospect regions for Superfund Removal Actions.

Speakers:

- Omar Valdez (TX), ASTSWMO Removals Focus Group Member

## Session 2: Early Actions and State Concurrence

Moderators: Remedial Action Focus Group member

Update on the utilization of interim Record of Decisions (RODs) and removal actions to address imitate threats. This session will also discuss SSCs and provide impute from States/EPA on the enactment of the 2015 model clauses. EPA will share information about new agency contracts processed.

Speakers:

- Amy Brittain (OK), ASTSWMO CERCLA & Brownfields (CaBS) Subcommittee Chair
- EPA OSRTI
- TBD

5:00 – 6:00 Reception hosted and sponsored by the ASTSWMO Board of Directors

## Day 2

8:30 – 9:45 AM

Plenary Session: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Partnership Principles for Enhancing Habitat at Sediment Remediation Sites

Moderator: Alex Liverman (OR), ASTSWMO Sediments Focus Group Chair

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative exemplifies best practices for accelerating sediment cleanup and restoring habitat in the largest system of fresh surface water in the world. This session will provide training on partnering with stakeholders, bridging gaps and thinking outside the box in order to leverage funding, integrate habitat improvements and revitalize Tribal, recreational and economic interests. The session will close with a group discussion on how to emulate these lessons at other CERCLA and Brownfields sites.

Speakers:

- Mike Bares (MN), ASTSWMO Sediment Focus Group Vice-Chair
- Scott Cieniawski, US EPA - Great Lakes National Program Office, Remediation and Restoration Section
- Kevin Farrar (NY), ASTSWMO Sediment Focus Group Member

9:45 – 10:15 NETWORKING BREAK

10:15 – 11:45

Plenary Session: Groundwater and the Superfund Task Force Recommendations

Moderator: Amy Brittain (OK), ASTSWMO CERCLA & Brownfields (CaBS) Subcommittee Chair

This session will focus on EPA's Superfund Task Force Recommendation number 6 which talks about providing clarification to principles of Superfund groundwater restoration. This session will provide training on what groundwater flexibilities are available under CERCLA now and how they are being applied at sites. The training will also cover how beneficial use determinations for aquifers are made by EPA and at the State level.

Speakers:

- TBD

11:45 – 1:15 LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)

1:30 – 3:00 BREAKOUTS

Session 1: Summary of Impacts, Issues and Risks Associated with PRP Bankruptcy

Moderator: Remedial Action Focus Group Member

Helping States understand potential concerns during settlement negotiations and consider the implications of PRP bankruptcy during the CERCLA remedial process.

Speakers:

- TBD

## Session 2: Brownfield Pioneers: The new frontiers of Brownfield programs

Moderator: TBD

As funding, policies and communities change, so must our programs. This session will highlight how states are changing the way they do business to better meet the needs of the communities that they serve. Speakers will highlight the use of new technologies, policy changes that have increased the capacity of their programs and other innovative ways of tackling old and new problems.

Speakers:

- Jason Seyler (MT), ASTSWMO Brownfields Focus Group Member
- TBD

## Session 3: Urban Lead

Moderators: Sheri Uhlenbruch (KY), ASTSWMO Removals Focus Group Chair

This session will feature a State who is taking the Region 4 Urban Background Study a step further and making it work for their State and their cities. This session will also feature a case study of lead impacts within a town.

Speakers:

- TBD

3:00 – 3:30 NETWORKING BREAK

3:30 – 5:00 BREAKOUTS

## Session 1: Post Construction: Maximizing Success through Adaptive Management at Superfund Sites

Moderator: Jeff Steers (VA), ASTSWMO CERCLA Post Construction Focus Group Chair

The ASTSWMO Post-Construction Focus Group has been conducting an inventory and evaluation of fund and Potentially Responsible Party financed Long term Remedial Action (LTRA) sites that have gone through optimization, Record of Decision amendments or Explanation of Significant Differences over the past 15 years to identify efficient and effective adaptive O&M management practices to better respond to changing conditions while ensuring protectiveness of human health and the environment. This training will cover some of the preliminary results of the groups work.

Speakers:

- Judy Fassbender (WI), ASTSWMO CERCLA Post Construction Focus Group Vice-Chair
- EPA OSRTI

## Session 2: Sub-Surface Intrusion

Moderator: Hal Cantwell (OK), ASTSWMO Site Assessment Focus Group Member

Evaluating Subsurface Intrusion of hazardous constituents into overlying structures is an important component of a comprehensive risk assessment. The Subsurface Intrusion Component of the HRS took effect in May 2017. This session will provide training on where and how Subsurface intrusion is being evaluated and incorporated into site assessments and removal actions.

Speakers:

- Site Assessment and Removals Focus Group Members

5:30 Evening Brownfields Tour (Must have signed up for this tour)

## Day 3

8:30 – 9:45 AM

Plenary Session: Brownfields to Playfields: Recreation After Contamination

Moderator: TBD

Across the country it is increasingly common to see soccer fields on landfills, railroad beds becoming hiking and riding trails and vacant downtown lots become pocket parks. This session will highlight the opportunities and issues that surround the redevelopment of Brownfields into recreational spaces. Speakers will talk about successful project and how they addressed the issues of the site with public health and safety in mind. Property owners will also be invited to the table to talk about their concerns as they pass on properties for public reuse.

Speakers:

- TBD

9:45 – 10:15 CHECK-OUT BREAK

10:15 – 11:30

State and Federal Agencies Forum (STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES ONLY)

Moderator: Dania Rodriguez, ASTSWMO Executive Director

The forum will provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions, discuss certain topics raised during the Symposium, and an opportunity for ASTSWMO to receive feedback about the symposium.

Speakers:

- U.S. EPA OEM
- U.S. EPA OBLR
- U.S. EPA OSRE
- U.S. EPA OSRTI
- Amy Brittain (OK), ASTSWMO CaBS Chair

11:30 Closing Remarks/Adjourn