

ASTSWMO Voting Members:

The U.S. EPA PFAS National Leadership Summit was held on May 22-23, 2018, in Washington, DC. This message will provide you with a brief summary of information shared during and after the Summit, highlight discussion and action items from the event that are targeted to the solid waste, hazardous waste, and cleanup programs, and summarize actions the ASTSWMO PFAS Workgroup plans to accomplish in coordination with our State Association and federal agency partners and within ASTSWMO's Workgroup.

Summit Materials:

The EPA PFAS National Leadership Summit and Engagement webpage (<https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-national-leadership-summit-and-engagement>) provides access to an archive of materials from the Summit. Materials include the final meeting agenda, a list of organizations who attended the Summit, and meeting presentations and video recordings. These items can be accessed directly at:

<https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-national-leadership-summit-materials>

Summit Briefing:

The Environmental Council of States (ECOS) drafted an Event Summary of the Summit that we encourage ASTSWMO members to read:¹

<https://www.ecos.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/PFAS-Summit-Summary-FINAL.pdf>

ECOS's report briefly summarizes all presentations and dialogue from the Summit, identifies action items, future topics for discussion, and important takeaways from the event, and provides a summary of a States-only meeting convened by ECOS following the Summit.

ASTSWMO Takeaways and Next Steps:

In 2016, the ASTSWMO Board of Directors formed a PFAS Workgroup, which includes representatives from our Board of Directors, Subcommittees, and Staff. The Workgroup's primary focus since its inception has been to share information for discussion and distribution to ASTSWMO's members through ASTSWMO meetings and email distributions. The Workgroup will continue these activities with a focus on specific PFAS issues identified in responses to a survey sent to the ASTSWMO voting members in May and introduced during the EPA Summit that impact the State solid waste, hazardous waste, and cleanup programs.

- **ASTSWMO Survey Responses:** In May 2018, ASTSWMO asked Voting Members what role we should take in the national PFAS dialogue. The most common responses were:
 - Information sharing, including facilitating dialogue between EPA and States, sharing State information (case studies, regulations, policies, resources);
 - Advocate for national cleanup standards and other federal regulations;
 - Work closely with other State associations to share information among all State media programs (waste, water, air, health) and avoid duplication of efforts.

¹ ECOS drafted a statement prior to the Summit that is available at: <https://www.ecos.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/ECOS-Statement-on-PFAS-Summit.pdf>

- EPA PFAS Summit Actions and Issues: Several action items and issues were introduced during the Summit that align with ASTSWMO's survey responses. These items are listed below.
 - EPA is beginning the necessary steps to propose designating PFOA and PFOS as 'hazardous substances' through one of the available statutory mechanisms, including potentially CERCLA Section 102.
 - EPA is currently developing groundwater cleanup recommendations for PFOA and PFOS at contaminated sites and will complete this task by fall of this year.
 - EPA will be holding regional meetings this summer to hear from states, tribes, and communities (<https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-community-engagement>). Meetings are currently planned in NH, MI, CO, and Region 10 this summer.
 - EPA will develop PFAS Management Plan by December 2018.
 - ECOS will continue to lead monthly State Association conference calls with Association staff to share information among the several State media programs and avoid duplication of efforts.
 - EPA and State Associations will explore the possibility of forming a national State-Federal working group on PFAS.

ASTSWMO's PFAS Workgroup and ASTSWMO Staff will focus our efforts in monitoring these activities, ensuring State involvement in the development of any planned regulations and policy documents, and ASTSWMO participation in current and planned dialogues, and sharing updates with our membership when available.

In addition, ASTSWMO is also planning to:

- Redesign and update the ASTSWMO PFAS Website (<http://astswmo.org/pfas/>) to ensure information is current and relevant to our membership;
- Plan training and/or discussion sessions at upcoming ASTSWMO meetings, including the August 2018 CERCLA & Brownfields Symposium, and October 2018 Annual Meeting;
- Continue dialogue and coordination with ECOS, ACWA, ASDWA, and ITRC;
- Work with EPA OLEM on solid and hazardous waste management and cleanup issues related to PFAS. We also plan to identify and coordinate with other federal agencies that are developing PFAS guidance and policy regarding pollution prevention, waste management, investigation and cleanup;
- Through our Federal Facilities Research Subcommittee, continue dialogue with EPA and Department of Defense on management and cleanup at federal facilities, and identify and coordinate with other federal agencies impacted under CERCLA 120; and
- Develop educational materials for ASTSWMO membership, including webinars and fact sheets.