

# Direction of the CERCLA and Brownfields Research Center

Gary King, Chair  
CERCLA and Brownfields Research  
Center Subcommittee  
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# ASTSWMO Organization

- ASTSWMO officially established in 1974
- According to its Bylaws, ASTSWMO is officially governed by its Board of Directors
- Board makes official decisions using standard parliamentary procedures and voting
- Voting is generally consensus based. Almost all Board actions are approved by unanimous vote after (sometimes lengthy) discussions

# ASTSWMO Organization

- The voting members consist of:
  - Regional State Waste Directors (10)
  - Presiding Officers (4)
    - President
    - Vice President
    - Past President
    - Secretary Treasurer
- The Board of Directors meets 4 times a year
- Board members and Officers are unpaid positions

# ASTSWMO Organization

- The current Regional State Waste Directors are:
  - Region 1 Jay Naparstek (MA)
  - Region 2 Paul Counterman (NY)
  - Region 3 Karen Sismour (VA)
  - Region 4 Garey Mabry (TN)
  - Region 5 Mark Giesfeldt (WI)
  - Region 6 Louis Buatt (LA)
  - Region 7 Leanne Tippett Mosby (MO)
  - Region 8 Ed Thamke (MT)
  - Region 9 Mark de Bie (CA)
  - Region 10 John Brueck (ID)
- Directors serve for three-year terms
- Membership rotates among States within a Region as agreed to by the States in the Region

# ASTSWMO Organization

- The current Presiding Officers are:
  - President: Michael Savage (OH)
  - Vice President: Peggy Harris (CA)
  - Past President: Gerald Hardy (AL)
  - Secretary/Treasurer: Kathy Stiller Banning (DE)
- At the annual fall meeting ASTSWMO elects a new Vice President from (at least) two candidates by secret vote. Each State has one vote.
- The elected VP serves one year as VP, then “graduates” to President for one year, then “demotes” to Past President for one year.

# ASTSWMO Subcommittees

- Since 1974, the ASTSWMO Board of Directors has established seven program subcommittees to oversee the work of ASTSWMO's task forces and focus groups
- These Subcommittees are:
  - Hazardous Waste
  - Solid Waste
  - CERCLA (became CERCLA & Brownfields in Sep.2006)
  - Tanks
  - Program and Information Exchange
  - Federal Facilities
  - Sustainability (formed in July 2007)

# ASTSWMO Subcommittees

- Each Subcommittee is chaired by a person appointed by the President with Board concurrence
- The Subcommittee Chair serves a three year (renewable) appointment
- The current Subcommittee Chairs are:
  - Hazardous Waste: Stephen Cobb (AL)
  - CERCLA & Brownfields: Gary King (IL)
  - Tanks: Richard Swanson (GA)
  - Program and Information Exchange: Cheryl Coleman (SC)
  - Solid Waste: Brian Tormey (IA)
  - Federal Facilities: Clarence Smith (IL)
  - Sustainability: Jennifer Kaduck (GA)

# ASTSWMO Subcommittees

- Each Subcommittee is comprised of the Chair, Vice-Chair and the chairs of each task force or focus group within its program area.
- TF/FG chairs are appointed by the Subcommittee chair. Their terms are limited in accordance with the ASTSWMO Members In Action document.
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- Subcommittee chairs, TF/FG chairs and TF/FG members are all unpaid positions.

# ASTSWMO Subcommittees

- The Executive Director has assigned a paid ASTSWMO staff person to provide support to each Subcommittee and the task forces and focus groups under each Subcommittee
- The current assigned staff persons are:
  - CERCLA & Brownfields: Jennifer Patterson
  - Hazardous Waste: Dania Rodriguez
  - Tanks: Julius Shapiro
  - Program and Information Exchange: Allison Goldberg/ Dania Rodriguez
  - Solid Waste: Kerry Callahan
  - Federal Facilities: Charles Reyes/ Dania Rodriguez
  - Sustainability: Kerry Callahan

# CERCLA & Brownfields Subcommittee

**Chair: Gary King (IL)**  
**Vice-Chair: Mark Giesfeldt (WI)**  
**Future Chair: Ken Kloo (NJ)**

Focus Group	State Superfund	Sediments	LTS	CERCLA Site Evaluation	Removal Actions	SRBPO (Brownfields)	Cross-Program Cleanup	NRD
	<i>Funding:</i> OSRTI	<i>Funding:</i> OSRTI	<i>Funding:</i> OSRTI	<i>Funding:</i> OSRTI	<i>Funding:</i> OEM	<i>Funding:</i> OBLR	<i>Funding:</i> In the works	<i>Funding:</i> In the works
Chair	Jay Naparstek (MA)	Paul Craffey (MA)	George Klein (NJ)	Ken Kloo (NJ)	John Regan (NH)	Andy Shivas (TN)	Mark Giesfeldt (WI)	Dale Young (MA)
Vice-Chair		Bill Ports (NY)	Robert Stout (MO)	Tom Crause (IL)	David Sweeney (NJ)	Amy Yersavich (OH)	Terry Gray (RI)	

# State Superfund Focus Group

## *Mission:*

*To research issues associated with the remediation of hazardous substances at State and federal Superfund sites and the infrastructure development needs of these State programs. This mission includes providing States with the research tools, studies and training necessary to develop and enhance their programs, and to carry out their responsibilities in the federal Superfund program. The Focus Group actively evaluates the potential impacts and relevance to the States of Superfund program issues. The Focus Group works closely with EPA staff to identify priority issues and approaches to resolving those issues.*

# State Superfund Focus Group

## *Accomplishments 2006-2008:*

- “State Status in the Implementation of Institutional Controls: A Summary of Inventory Findings” (June 2007)
- EPA/ASTSWMO Long-Term Stewardship Roundtable & Training (April 2007)

## *Current Projects 2008-2009:*

Phase II of Institutional Controls Research: State Experiences and Successes/Lessons Learned re: IC Tracking, Monitoring and Oversight

# Sediments Focus Group

## *Mission:*

*To create opportunities for State-to-State information exchange, including latest techniques and scientific developments, and to contribute to the development of new approaches for contaminated sediment assessment and remediation, as well as influence national sediment cleanup guidance and policy.*

# Sediments Focus Group

## *Accomplishments 2006-2008:*

“Guide to the Assessment and Remediation of State-Managed Sediment Sites” (June 2007)

## *Current Projects 2008-2009:*

Framework for Long-Term Monitoring of Hazardous Substances at Sediment Sites

# Long-Term Stewardship (LTS) Focus Group

## *Mission:*

*To facilitate and promote State/Territorial implementation of reliable, effective, and protective long term stewardship at contaminated sites.*

# Long-Term Stewardship (LTS) Focus Group

## *Accomplishments 2006-2008:*

- EPA/ASTSWMO Long-Term Stewardship Roundtable & Training (April 2007)
- “Analysis of State Operation & Maintenance Costs at Superfund Sites” (June 2007)

## *Current Projects 2008-2009:*

Phase II: Analysis of State Funding Strategies for Operation & Maintenance Costs at Superfund Sites

# CERCLA Site Evaluation Focus Group

## *Mission:*

*To serve as a voice and resource for State programs in the initial stages of hazardous substance detection, the appropriate tools and methods for detection and identification of potential risks, and the communication of these risks to the public.*

# CERCLA Site Evaluation Focus Group

## *Accomplishments 2006-2008:*

(Inactive due to lack of funding)

## *Current Projects 2008-2009:*

Further assess the value of State CERCLA Site Assessment Programs by comparing (for a select number of States) the number of sites entered into the CERCLIS database and the outcome of those sites with respect to both the State and federal cleanup programs.

# Removal Action Focus Group

## *Mission:*

*To advocate for and support State removal action and emergency response programs, to enhance these programs' capabilities to perform time critical and non-time critical removal actions and emergency response activities, so that these may be performed with greater protectiveness of human health and the environment, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness. The Focus Group will work to enhance the partnership between the States and EPA in implementation of removal actions and emergency response actions, to facilitate effective transition of these sites to States for further remediation and site reuse.*

# Removal Action Focus Group

## *Accomplishments 2006-2008:*

- ASTSWMO Removal Coordination at Federal Facilities Symposium and Paper (December 2006 with Federal Facilities “State-Federal Coordination Focus Group”)
- “Updated Guide to the Coordination of Federal Removal Actions with State Remedial Activities” (June 2007)

## *Current Projects 2008-2009:*

Assessing the roles and capabilities of State environmental agencies in environmental emergency response to hazardous materials releases.

# SRBPO (“Brownfields”) Task Force

## *Mission:*

Promote the use and effectiveness, and recognize the diversity of State response and Brownfields programs, while providing research tools and training for State program development and enhancement.

# SRBPO (“Brownfields”) Task Force

## *Accomplishments 2006-2008:*

- “Toolbox for the Cleanup and Redevelopment of Contaminated Sites in Small Cities and Rural Communities” (March 2007)
- ASTSWMO Remediation & Reuse Symposium (December 2007)

## *Current Projects 2008-2009:*

Determine the existing approaches and successful practices employed by States in measuring the return on investment for dollars spent on land revitalization activities.

# SRBPO Task Force's Site Assessment Work Group

## *Accomplishments 2006-2008:*

State Training on the Rule for All Appropriate Inquiries  
(November 2006)

## *Current Projects 2008-2009:*

Impact of AAI on State Brownfields and Voluntary Cleanup  
Programs

# *New!* Cross-Program Cleanup Task Force

## *Mission:*

*Current project is to develop a mission statement*

## *Current Projects 2008-2009:*

- Recommendations made by EPA's Groundwater Task Force
- State efforts in area-wide cleanups

# Natural Resource Damages (NRD) Focus Group

## *Mission:*

To enhance the ability of States to cooperatively and efficiently address the restoration of natural resources injured by hazardous substances, and integrate their restoration into the remediation process.

## Natural Resource Damages (NRD) Focus Group

### *Accomplishments 2006-2008:*

Reviewed and issued State comments on the proposed regulations published by DOI on February 29, 2008 in the *Federal Register* for the Conduct of NRD Assessments for Hazardous Substance Releases under CERCLA and the Clean Water Act.

### *Current Projects 2008-2009:*

(Inactive due to lack of funding)