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To enhance and promote effective State and Territorial programs for waste and materials management, to encourage environmentally sustainable practices and to affect relevant national waste and materials management policies.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 1-2, 2011: [UST Compliance & Prevention Workshop](#) in Dallas, TX.

April 3-5, 2011: [Brownfields 2011](#) in Philadelphia, PA. Registration opened October 4, 2010.

April 20-21, 2011: [Mid-Year Meeting](#) in Denver, CO. The meeting theme is Financial Assurance.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

The **Community Involvement Focus Group** of ASTSWMO's Federal Facilities Research Center has developed [Community Involvement Guidance for Munitions Response Sites](#). The guidance is available on the [Federal Facilities Research Center Publications](#) page.

The **Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Recycling Task Force** of ASTSWMO's Solid Waste Subcommittee has developed [a series of fact sheets on waste reduction and recycling in various commercial sectors](#). The Commercial Sector Recycling Fact Sheets document is available on the [Solid Waste Publications](#) page.

RETIRING?

If you are retiring and you would like to keep in touch with ASTSWMO's members and staff, please let us know how to reach you at home. ASTSWMO staff is working to build a network for retired members.

ASTSWMO STAFF CHANGES

Administrative Staff Megan Wilson has left ASTSWMO to pursue her medical education. We thank Megan for her service to ASTSWMO. We ask that all correspondence previously directed to Megan be redirected to Allison Goldberg, Information Staff, at allisong@astswmo.org or (202) 624-7883. Thank you.

CERCLA AND BROWNFIELDS RESEARCH CENTER

The CaBS Subcommittee is in search of a new Subcommittee Chair. Ken Kloof (NJ), has accepted the Region 2 Board Representative position and is stepping down as the CaBS Subcommittee Chair.

The Site Evaluation Focus Group was invited to the U.S. EPA Site Evaluation Policy Meeting on February 2, 2011, in Philadelphia, PA. The Focus Group discussed the upcoming National Site Assessment Symposium, as well as new metrics being developed by U.S. EPA to better track sites as they are entered into CERCLIS.

VOLUNTEER MEMBER STANDARDS

The Program Steering Committee Co-Chairs finalized the Volunteer Member Standards policy. It is on ASTSWMO.org under Who We Are – [Policies](#).

FEDERAL FACILITIES RESEARCH CENTER

In response to discussions between the Federal Facilities Research Subcommittee and U.S. EPA during the 2010 ASTSWMO Annual Meeting, US EPA has invited State volunteers to participate in multiple EPA Community Engagement Initiative discussion and research workgroups. These U.S. EPA workgroups are tasked with completing the action items listed in the 2010 Community Engagement Initiative (CEI) Implementation Plan, which include evaluating technical assistance, risk communication, information delivery strategies, and gathering community involvement best practices. ASTSWMO looks forward to working with U.S. EPA on the CEI to ensure that State perspectives are considered during its implementation.

HAZARDOUS WASTE AND SOLID WASTE SUBCOMMITTEES

As an outcome of the joint Solid and Hazardous Waste session on Post-Closure Care at the October 2010 ASTSWMO Annual Meeting, the Solid Waste and Hazardous Waste Subcommittees recently agreed to jointly work to address post-closure financial assurance issues identified by State solid and hazardous waste programs. Issues common to Subtitle C and Subtitle D as well as program-specific issues will be considered.

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SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE

Members of the Greener Cleanups Task Force worked with U.S. EPA to organize a webinar on addressing the potential liabilities associated with siting renewable energy on contaminated lands, which was conducted through U.S. EPA's CLU-In seminar system on December 9, 2010. The webinar was open only to State and US EPA staff, and drew more than 130 participants; State staff from approximately 25 States participated. The Greener Cleanups Task Force continues to track and provide input as appropriate to the development of the ASTM green remediation standard. The Product Stewardship Task Force has recently begun work to develop an evaluation tool for State product stewardship programs.

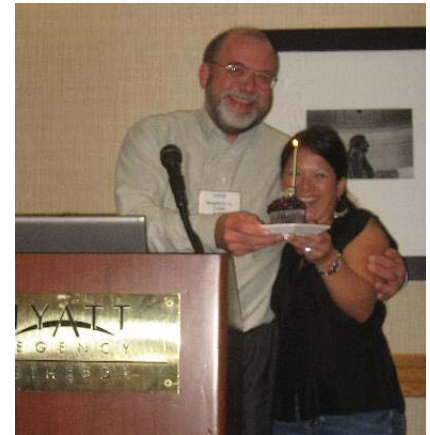
TANKS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Tanks Subcommittee has a new Vice-Chair, Chuck Schwer (VT), ASTSWMO State Funds Task Force Chair. His nomination was confirmed by the Program Steering Committee Co-Chairs.

The UST Task Force is in the process of producing a States and Territories Operator Training Resource Guide. The resource guide will include information regarding each State's Operator Training program, the State and Territorial point of contact, and a link to each State's operator training webpage. The Operator Training Resource Guide will be presented at the upcoming March 1-2, 2011, UST Compliance and Prevention Workshop in Dallas, TX.

RECENT ASTSWMO PHOTO

ASTSWMO President Steve Cobb (AL) celebrated his 50th birthday while attending the October 2010 Annual Meeting in Bethesda, MD. Deputy Executive Director Dania Rodriguez presented him with a chocolate cupcake to celebrate.



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Task Force and Focus Group members and their phone numbers and email addresses will soon be listed on ASTSWMO.org's Program pages. If you are a member of a Task Force or Focus Group and would like your information *not* listed, please contact Allison Goldberg at allisong@astswmo.org or (202) 624-7883 by close of business on March 31, 2011.

PROGRAM AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE SUBCOMMITTEE

The Subcommittee, which is responsible for planning the Annual and Mid-Year meetings, has compiled the evaluations for the 2010 Annual Meeting and responded to some comments in an effort to give insight into meeting planning processes. PIE is also developing a communications strategy to fulfill ASTSWMO Strategic Plan focus area #2.

MEMBERS IN ACTION 2011

The Task Force and Focus Group vacancies that will be created by this year's [Members in Action](#) rotation are now listed on the [Potential and New Members](#) page. Please direct questions to the staff member for the subcommittee in which you are interested.

The ASTSWMO Newsletter is archived at:
http://astswmo.org/publications_newletter.html

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