

ASTSWMO

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Spring 2011

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

June 15-17, 2011: [Hazardous Waste Conference and Training](#) in Clearwater, FL. Register till May 20.

August 9-11, 2011: [Solid Waste Managers Conference](#) in Kansas City, MO. Register till July 12.

October 26-27, 2011: Annual Meeting in Bethesda, MD. The theme is "Protecting Human Health and the Environment Amid Evolving Regulatory Standards."

SOLID WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE

The ASTSWMO [Solid Waste Managers Conference](#) will be held on August 9-11, 2011 in Kansas City, MO. The Conference theme is "Materials Management in a Changing Environment." ASTSWMO has grant funding to guarantee travel reimbursement to one solid waste program attendee from each State, Territory, and the District of Columbia; the remaining 24 funding slots will reimburse a second solid waste program attendee from a State/Territory/DC on a first come, first-served basis.

SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE

The Sustainability Subcommittee hosted a Product Stewardship Session at the April 2011 Mid-Year Meeting. Presentations are available on [ASTSWMO.org](#).

VOLUNTEERING WITH ASTSWMO

Visit our [New Members](#) page to see current group openings.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

A [Communications Overview](#), required by the 2009 Strategic Plan, is available on ASTSWMO.org's Who We Are - Policies and Documents page.

ASTSWMO [commented](#) on the 10 dockets regarding the U.S. EPA's Plan EJ 2014 draft implementation plan.

ASTSWMO submitted [comments](#) to EPA on the Potential Addition of Vapor Intrusion Component to the Hazard Ranking System, Docket #EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-1086.

The ASTSWMO Board of Directors approved [Measuring Effectiveness of State Stakeholder Engagement and Partnering Efforts](#) as an informational tool for States during the April Board of Directors Meeting.

The ASTSWMO Federal Facilities Research Center has developed the following publications, which can be accessed at its [Publications](#) webpage:

- [Green Remediation at Federal Facility Cleanups](#), developed by the Remediation and Reuse Focus Group
- [Perchlorate Policy Update](#) by the Emerging Issues Focus Group
- [Incidental TENORM: A Guidance for State Solid Waste Managers](#), developed by the Radiation Focus Group

U.S. EPA PLAN EJ 2014

On April 29, 2011, ASTSWMO submitted comments to nine U.S. EPA Draft Implementation Plans for Plan EJ 2014. According to U.S. EPA, the implementation plans will serve as guidance to the agency in rulemaking, permitting, compliance and enforcement, community-based and Administration-wide actions. The plans will also guide U.S. EPA actions in science, law, and information. In the comments, ASTSWMO expresses concerns about the substantial impact to State resources that the Plan could have to all waste programs based on previous experiences with U.S.-led environmental justice programs. ASTSWMO's comments are available from [ASTSWMO.org](#).

RECENT AND UP-COMING RETIREMENTS

Thank you for your dedication to protecting human health and the environment: Antonia Vorster (CA), Tony Landis (CA), Dotty Diltz (FL), Butch Dye (MD), John Fairbank (MD), Jim Warner (MN), Jan Whitworth (OR), Skip Powers (TN), and Mark Weegar (TX).

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TANKS SUBCOMMITTEE

At the 2011 ASTSWMO Mid-Year Meeting, the Tanks Subcommittee formed an Alternative Fuels Workgroup. The Alternative Fuels Workgroup will be cross-programmatic, and draw its membership from State and Territorial experts from the three areas of the Tanks program; prevention (UST), cleanup (LUST) and financial responsibility (State Funds). Mahesh Albuquerque who runs the Tanks Program in the State of Colorado has been appointed to be the Chair. If you are interested in joining the Workgroup, please complete the membership interest form and return to Julius J. Shapiro, ASTSWMO Tanks Staff Associate either by fax at 202-624-7875 or by email jshapiro@astswmo.org.

CERCLA AND BROWNFIELDS RESEARCH CENTER

The ASTSWMO Board of Directors has confirmed Jennifer Roberts (AK) as the new CaBS Subcommittee Chair. Jennifer has been reaching out to management at USEPA to determine mutual State and Federal priorities for the Subcommittee and Focus Groups to consider in future work.

PEER MATCH

Peer Match trips are now available for Brownfields, Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste, and Tanks participants. Visit [ASTSWMO.org](http://astswmo.org) to print the application form.

ASTSWMO newsletters are archived at:
http://astswmo.org/publications_newletter.html

HAZARDOUS WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE

At the [April 2011 Mid-Year Meeting](#), the Hazardous Waste Subcommittee co-hosted an OECA Financial Responsibility Enforcement Tool Webinar with the Solid Waste Subcommittee and an Emerging Contaminants Session with Federal Facilities, CERCLA, and Brownfields. All available presentations are available on ASTSWMO.org.

We thank Butch Dye (MD) for his tireless dedication to Maryland and ASTSWMO. Butch was a Task Force Chair as well as Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee.

PROGRAM AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE SUBCOMMITTEE

PIE developed a [Communications Overview](#) to fulfill ASTSWMO Strategic Plan focus area #2. It was approved by the Board at their April 2011 Meeting.

FEDERAL FACILITIES RESEARCH CENTER

The Federal Facilities Subcommittee thanks the members who recently rotated off our Focus Groups for their service and dedication: Jim Cutler (VA), Harry Hendler (AZ), Jay Hyland (ME), Duane Mortensen (UT), Ed Southwick (NE), Tracy Strickland (AL), and David Whitfill (KS). We also thank David Jones (ID) and Mark Weegar (TX) for their service to their States and ASTSWMO. Both are leaving their State agencies this spring.

RETIRING?

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

We recognize and thank Jorge Jacobs (KS) for his service to our country. Jorge and his National Guard unit arrived in Afghanistan on December 25, 2010. We look forward to Jorge's return to the Focus Group this fall!

Finally, we would like to thank Jennifer Roberts (AK) for many years of service and dedication to the Subcommittee as a former Focus Group Chair, Subcommittee Vice-Chair, and Board of Representatives Liaison. We wish her luck as the CaBS Subcommittee Chair and look forward to working with her in her new role.

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