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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.

2012 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2012 ASTSWMO Annual Meeting occurred October 18-19 in Washington, DC. The theme of the meeting was The Science of Management and the Management of Science, and the morning plenary session was an engaging, interactive training by Daniel Chase of Utah's Department of Human Resource Management. Cheryl Newman, Vice-President and Deputy Chief of Mission at Honest Tea, spoke to the luncheon crowd about Honest Tea's efforts to be an organic, sustainable, and low-impact beverage company.

Ryan Benefield (AR) was elected Vice-President of the Association, and Nancy Marker (DE) was elected to continue as the Association's Secretary-Treasurer. Jeff Steers (VA) is now the President of ASTSWMO, and Ed Thamke (MT) is now the Past-President. For the Board of Directors full roster, please visit:

http://astswmo.org/Pages/Who_We_Are/Board_of_Directors.html.

Gary King, formerly of Illinois EPA, received the Association's Lifetime Achievement Award at the Board of Directors-hosted reception. Stephen Cobb (AL) received a certificate of appreciation for his tenure as Past-President, as did Mike Wimsatt (NH), Mark Giesfeldt (WI), and Ryan Benefield (AR) for their tenures as Regional Representatives on the Board of Directors. Russ Brauksieck (NY) received a plaque for his tenure as Chair of the Tanks Subcommittee, and Millie Garcia-Serrano (MA) received a plaque for her tenure as Chair of the Federal Facilities Research Center. Rick Moss (CA) received a special award of thanks upon the announcement of his retirement for his service to the Association, including his tenure as Vice-Chair of the Federal Facilities Research Center. Lisa Silva (VA) received a special award of thanks for testifying before the House Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy on behalf of ASTSWMO. The Association also presented a plaque to Abraham Ferdas of U.S. EPA Region 3, who recently announced his retirement. Deputy Executive Director Dania Rodriguez received a special certificate to recognize 15 years with the Association.

Certificates of appreciation were awarded to the following members for their service on the task force or focus group indicated: Roger Lawrence (AR), MSW Recycling Task Force; Bijan Sharafkhani (LA), Municipal D Waste Task Force; Lon Revall (GA), Training and Technology Transfer Task Force; Felicia Calderon (AZ), Community Involvement Focus Group; Robert Huckabee (MS), Remediation and Reuse Focus Group; Jane Francis (WY) and Bob Jurgens (KS), State Federal Coordination Focus Group; Bobby Lopez (NM) and Mohinder Sandhu (CA), Radiation Focus Group. Certificates were also awarded to the members of the Beneficial Use Task Force for their efforts in creating, analyzing, and reporting on the Beneficial Use of CCRs Survey; Leslie Carr (KY), Jennifer Pruet (NM), Ken Koon (MO), and Therron Blatter (UT) for their leadership at the ASTSWMO Tanks Forum; the members of the LUST Task Force for their contributions to the Emergency Response document; and the members of the Superfund Focus Group for their efforts in planning the State Superfund Managers Symposium. Exiting Task Force and Focus Group Chairs received awards, too: Heather Nifong (IL) for her service to the Greener Cleanups Task Force; Scott Walker (CA) for his service to the Bioreactor Landfill Work Group; and Bill Ports (NY) for his service to the Sediments Focus Group.

PDFs of the presentations are online now. Video is posted as it becomes available. All materials are available on the 2012 Annual Meeting page: http://astswmo.org/Pages/Meetings/Past_Meetings/2012-Annual_Meeting.html.

**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING ON
AN ASTSWMO TASK FORCE OR
FOCUS GROUP?**

Visit the [Task Force and Focus
Group Openings](#) page.

The ASTSWMO Newsletters are
archived at:

http://astswmo.org/Pages/Policies_and_Publications/Newsletter.html

RECENT ASTSWMO PUBLICATIONS

The Tanks Subcommittee's LUST Task Force developed a "Compendium of Emergency Response Actions at Underground Storage Tank Sites". The compendium includes information sheets developed by State Tanks programs, which present information on emergency response actions that have occurred recently. The documents are available on the Tanks Subcommittee Policies and Publications page:

[http://astswmo.org/Pages/Policies and Publications/Tanks.htm](http://astswmo.org/Pages/Policies_and_Publications/Tanks.htm).

The Materials Management Subcommittee's Beneficial Use Task Force has prepared a "Beneficial Use of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCRs) Survey Report". The report is available on the Materials Management Subcommittee Policies and Publications page:

[http://astswmo.org/Pages/Policies and Publications/Materials Management.htm](http://astswmo.org/Pages/Policies_and_Publications/Materials_Management.htm).

The CERCLA and Brownfields Subcommittee's Brownfields Focus Group designed their Community Gardening Toolbox to assist States by providing a reference guide for State environmental staff on community gardening on brownfield sites. The Toolbox, a list of references, and a site model are available on the CERCLA and Brownfields Subcommittee Policies and Publications page:

[http://astswmo.org/Pages/Policies and Publications/CERCLA and Brownfields.htm](http://astswmo.org/Pages/Policies_and_Publications/CERCLA_and_Brownfields.htm).

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

The Materials Management Subcommittee organized sessions on Oil and Gas Wastes and Landfill Gas at the ASTSWMO Annual Meeting. The speaker presentations from both sessions are available on the 2012 Annual Meeting webpage.

The Subcommittee recently sunsetted its Bioreactor Landfill Workgroup and Sustainable Materials Management Workgroup. The specific issues that were the focus of each workgroup are being addressed within the formal Subcommittee structure by the Subcommittee and its task forces.

CERCLA AND BROWNFIELDS RESEARCH CENTER

The Brownfields Focus Group has published their "Community Gardening Toolbox". The Toolbox is designed to assist States by providing a reference guide for State environmental staff on community gardening on brownfield sites. States are encouraged to personalize the toolbox by adding their own, State-specific and other regulatory information to increase the documents' applicability and usefulness. The final Toolbox is presented in Microsoft Word so States are able to reformat the document for their own specific needs. The Toolbox can be found at:

[http://astswmo.org/Pages/Policies and Publications/CERCLA and Brownfields.htm](http://astswmo.org/Pages/Policies_and_Publications/CERCLA_and_Brownfields.htm)

The Brownfields Focus Group is currently working on a project to identify success measures used by State Brownfield programs. The Focus Group will hold a State Brownfield Managers Forum in March 2013 in Washington, D.C. More information on this Forum will be available this winter.

TANKS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Board of Directors appointed Chuck Schwer (VT) as the new Chair of the Tanks Subcommittee. Chuck is taking over for Russ Brauksieck (NY), who led the Subcommittee for the past three years. We thank Russ for his great leadership and dedication to ASTSWMO!

The UST Task Force hosted a Tanks Compliance and Prevention Forum on August 29-30, 2012, in Washington, DC. Members from 26 States and representatives from U.S. EPA OUST Headquarters participated in discussion sessions that focused on the States' implementation of the Energy Policy Act, specifically operator training, three-year inspections, and enforcement.

The Core Report Workgroup began reviewing data submitted to ASTSWMO for the Tanks Core Needs Report. If your State has not submitted information and wishes to do so, please contact Charles Reyes, ASTSWMO.

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HAZARDOUS WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE

The Board of Directors approved the Post-Closure Care Beyond 30 Years at RCRA Subtitle C Facilities position paper developed by the Hazardous Waste Corrective Action and Permitting Task Force. It is available on the Hazardous Waste Publications page:

[http://astswmo.org/Pages/Policies and Publications/Hazardous Waste.htm](http://astswmo.org/Pages/Policies_and_Publications/Hazardous_Waste.htm).

Stay tuned for information on web-based trainings developed by the Hazardous Waste Training Task Force.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

2013 ASTSWMO Mid-Year Meeting: April 24-25 in Billings, Montana. More information coming in January 2013.

24th National Tanks Conference: September 16-18, 2013, Denver, Colorado.
<http://www.neiwpc.org/tanksconference/>.

FEDERAL FACILITIES RESEARCH CENTER

The Board of Directors appointed Bonnie Buthker (OH) as the new Chair of the Federal Facilities Research Center. Bonnie is taking over for Millie Garcia-Serrano (MA). Thank you, Millie, for your guidance and dedication during these past three years!

Stay tuned for new publications that will be released this fall and winter on interim risk management at munitions response sites, the Uniform Environmental Covenants Act (UECA), and State resources for conducting community involvement.



Members of the Tanks Subcommittee pose with the special award of thanks they presented to exiting Tanks Subcommittee Chair Russ Brauksieck.



Daniel Chase engages the membership.



Gary King poses with his daughter (L), wife (R), and his Lifetime Achievement Award.