

ASTSWMO

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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.

2013 ANNUAL MEETING

Approximately 290 people attended the 2013 ASTSWMO Annual Meeting, which occurred October 29-30 in Washington, DC. Attendees came from 45 States, four Territories, and the District of Columbia, as well as U.S. EPA Headquarters, four U.S. EPA Regional Offices, nine other federal departments, and 14 non-governmental organizations. The meeting's theme was "Challenges with Groundwater: Protection of the Environment vs. Cost of Remediation," and the morning plenary session featured presentations from Allen Shapiro (U.S. Geological Survey) on behalf of the National Academies of Science, Jim Woolford (Director, U.S. EPA OSRTI), Elizabeth Callahan (MA), and Juliet Ports and Sarah Johanson (IN) via video. Danielle Vogel, proprietor of Glen's Garden Market in Dupont Circle, DC, spoke at the luncheon about her locally-sourced grocery store and the importance of environmentally friendly businesses.

Mike Forbeck (PA) was elected Vice-President of the Association. Ryan Benefield (AR) is now the President, and Jeff Steers (VA) is now the Past-President. Nancy Marker (DE) continues as the Secretary-Treasurer. For Board of Directors information, please visit: http://astswmo.org/Pages/Who_We_Are/Board_of_Directors.html.

Stan Phillippe, formerly of California DTSC, received the Association's Lifetime Achievement Award at the Board of Directors-hosted reception. Ed Thamke (MT) received a certificate of appreciation for his tenure as Past-President, as did Chris Sanders (MS), Bill Bider (KS), and Conchita Taitano (GU) for their tenures as Regional Representatives on the Board of Directors.

Certificates of appreciation were awarded to the following members for their service on the task force or focus group indicated: Bruce Lumper (Retired, OR), Municipal D Waste Task Force; Jan Simmons (Retired, GA) and Lynn Winterberger (NY), Corrective Action and Permitting Task Force; Christine Roob (ND), Doug Nevel (NY), and James Pearson (WA), Program Information Management Task Force; Paula Bansch (IN) and Craig Easley (LA), Hazardous Waste Training Task Force; Richard Gotlieb (RI), Anthony Cinque (NJ), Jim Cutler (VA), Richard Haynes (SC), Bob Carson (IL), Allan Posnick (TX), Jorge Jacobs (KS), Jane Francis (WY), Dan Ward (CA), and Jennifer Currie (AK), State Federal Coordination Focus Group; David Allard (PA), Radiation Focus Group; Robert Daniels (NH), Pat Ellis (DE), Alison Hathcock (SC), Andrew Hahn (WI), Dana Bahar (NM), Bob McCoy (OR), Paul Nelson (IA), Tara Rosie (AZ), and Mahesh Albuquerque (CO), Alternative Fuels Workgroup; Carol Eighmey (MO), Betty Lamp (VA), Chuck Schwer (VT), Jane Bral (CO), Therron Blatter (UT), Ken Koon (MO), Zach Hope (CO), Dan Manweiler (VA), Stephen Reuter (NM), Gary Lynn (NH), Jennifer Steffes (CO), and Heather Peters (MO), National Tanks Conference Planning Team; Lynda Provencher (VT), Annual State Fund Survey; Barbara Nabors (CO) and Greg Overtoom (IN), Program and Information Exchange Subcommittee – Annual Meeting Planning. ASTSWMO staff Allison Goldberg, Charles Reyes, and Sam Puffenbarger received certificates for five years of service to ASTSWMO.

PDFs of most presentations are online now. Video will be posted as it becomes available. Visit the 2013 Annual Meeting page: http://astswmo.org/Pages/Meetings/Past_Meetings/2013-Annual_Meeting.html.

If you attended the meeting but have not yet completed the online-only evaluation form (<http://astswmo.2013Annual.sgizmo.com/s3/>), please do so before December 6, 2013.

ASTSWMO Is MOVING

ASTSWMO is moving to a new office in January 2014. Watch ASTSWMO.org for our new address and phone numbers.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 23-24, 2014: ASTSWMO Mid-Year Meeting in Virginia Beach, VA. The theme will be “Transitioning to Long-Term Management.”

May 19-21, 2014: Joint LUST and State Fund-Financial Responsibility Workshop in Tampa, FL.

June 11-13, 2014: Joint Brownfields/Superfund Symposium in Denver, CO. More information will be available in the new year.

August 2014: UST Workshop. Location and dates TBD.

October 2013: Annual Meeting. Location and dates TBD.

FEDERAL FACILITIES RESEARCH CENTER

On October 28, 2013, the ASTSWMO Board of Directors revised and retained the ASTSWMO Policy Position on Federal Facilities. The document is an update to the previous version (2005), reflects changes to the State and Federal programs, and provides current State priorities and positions on federal facilities programs and activities. The Policy Position is available at:

http://www.astswmo.org/Files/Policies_and_Publications/Position_Papers/2013.10-ASTSWMO_Federal_Facilities_Position.pdf.

The ASTSWMO Newsletters are archived at:
http://astswmo.org/Pages/Policies_and_Publications/Newsletter.html

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE: ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

One of the Materials Management Roundtables at the Annual Meeting took a different tack from the traditional Roundtable structure: the topics for discussion were identified in advance by State attendees. This structure was designed to provide the opportunity for more dialogue and information-sharing among Roundtable attendees. A panel session organized by the Materials Management Subcommittee and the Radiation Focus Group addressed the beneficial use and disposal of Technologically-Enhanced Naturally-Occurring Radioactive Material (TENORM). Another Materials Management panel session built on the groundwater theme of the plenary session.

HAZARDOUS WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE

RCRAInfo 101 Training Webinar

The Program Information Management (PIM) and Training Task Forces within the Hazardous Waste Subcommittee conducted a very successful RCRAInfo 101 Training Webinar on September 16, 2013. PIM Task Force Chair Christine Roob (ND) lead the Task Force in creating the presentation, which Task Force member James Pearson (WA) delivered. The training provided a basic, introductory overview of the RCRAInfo database. The web training was limited to State and Territorial employees and invited EPA guests. Around 70 people registered for the 80 logins available for the training; the number of registrants does not include additional State staff who joined registrants to conserve webinar logins. The feedback to the webinar was positive, particularly in terms of the relevancy of the training. The recording of the webinar and the speaker presentation with notes are posted on the ASTSWMO website, at

http://astswmo.org/Pages/Policies_and_Publications/Hazardous_Waste.htm. A webinar tentatively titled “RCRAInfo for Managers” is currently in the works for early 2014. ASTSWMO will provide members with additional information about this webinar when it is scheduled.

Annual Meeting Update

The Hazardous Waste Subcommittee identified a number of timely topics that were discussed during the Hazardous Waste sessions at the Annual Meeting. One panel session featured an update to a presentation at the ASTSWMO Mid-Year Meeting regarding EPA’s LEAN evaluation of the corrective action process.

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

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

HAVE A QUESTION OR COMMENT ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER?

Contact Allison Goldberg allisong@astswmo.org or 202-624-7883.

RECENT ASTSWMO PUBLICATIONS

The 2012 State Fund Survey Results are now available on the [Tanks Subcommittee Publications](#) page. ASTSWMO thanks Lynda Provencher and the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation for their work in collecting and compiling data

[Slides](#) and [presenter's notes](#) from the Hazardous Waste Program Information Management Task Force's RCRAInfo 101 Webinar are on the [Hazardous Waste Policies and Publications](#) page.

[The Travel Policy has been updated](#) to include new policies requiring travelers to purchase non-refundable tickets and deposit checks within 60 days, as well as language regarding deadlines for reissuing checks and per diem when utilizing Special Travel. Be certain to read the policy in full before traveling and seeking reimbursement with ASTSWMO.

ECOS Executive Director Recruitment

The Environmental Council of States is recruiting its next Executive Director. To view the full position announcement, please visit:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/41680992/ECOS%20Job%20Posting%20ED%20Position.pdf>.

Candidates are asked to submit a cover letter with statement of interest, resume, and references to katie.orgrodnick@state.or.us by Friday, December 20. The position will remain open until filled.

TANKS SUBCOMMITTEE

On September 16-18, 2013, ASTSWMO co-sponsored the 24th National Tanks Conference and Expo with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC), U.S. EPA Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST), and the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. The Conference was held in Denver, Colorado, and included 263 representatives from 54 States, Territories, and the District of Columbia, along with representatives from U.S. EPA, Tribal and local governments, tanks owners and operators, and private industry. Several ASTSWMO Tanks Subcommittee and Task Force members assisted with conference planning, moderating and presenting during various sessions, and organizing pre-Conference workshops. Archived presentations, webinars, and other materials are available at <http://www.neiwpcc.org/tanksconference/>.

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

ASTSWMO began collecting feedback to use in their strategic planning efforts in spring 2013 with the Strategic Planning Survey. Most recently, the Regional Representatives on the Board reached out to States in their region for additional input while staff and Subcommittee Chairs collected further feedback from their Task Forces and Focus Groups. The Board, staff, and Chairs appreciate the time and consideration those who have participated put into their comments. If you plan to submit responses to the questions provided through the Board Representatives or Subcommittees and have not yet done so, you still have time. Please submit responses to Allison Goldberg (allisong@astswmo.org) by Friday, December 13.



Above: Jennifer Roberts (left) praises Stan Philippe's (center) accomplishments before he receives the Lifetime Achievement Award. Clarence Smith (right) and Isabella Alasti (not pictured) also shared fond memories about Stan. Stan's wife Nancy was in attendance, too.