

# ASTSWMO

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Spring 2013

*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

**May 30, 2013, 1:00-4:00 PM EDT:** U.S. EPA will host a webinar regarding [Potential Issues with Managing and Recycling Cathode Ray Tubes \(CRTs\)](#).

**July 30-August 1, 2013:** [U.S. EPA Community Involvement Training Conference](#) in Boston, MA.

**September 16-18, 2013:** [National Tanks Conference](#) in Denver, CO.

**October 29-30, 2013:** **ASTSWMO Annual Meeting** at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC.

## TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

If you traveled to the Mid-Year Meeting in Billings, your reimbursement must be postmarked by **Wednesday, May 29, 2013**.

## Hazardous Waste Subcommittee

The breakout sessions at the Mid-Year Meeting were recorded and will be online before the end of June.

The Subcommittee is gathering comments on the Waste Analysis plan. If your State would like to submit comments to ASTSWMO, please send them to Kerry Callahan ([kerryc@astswmo.org](mailto:kerryc@astswmo.org)) by May 28.

## Congressional Testimony on “Federal and State Partnership for Environmental Protection Act of 2013;” the “Reducing Excessive Deadline Obligations Act of 2013;” and the “Federal Facility Accountability Act of 2013”

On Friday, May 17, 2013, ASTSWMO President Jeffery Steers (VA) testified before the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy. The hearing regarding the above bills continued on Wednesday, May 22, 2013.

Background information on the legislation, witness testimony, and video of the hearing is available on the Energy and Commerce Committee’s website: <http://energycommerce.house.gov/hearing/legislative-hearing-%E2%80%9Cfederal-and-state-partnership-environmental-protection-act-2013%E2%80%9D->.

## 2013 Strategic Planning Survey

The Association launched its 2013 Strategic Planning Survey on May 15 and asks that all State and Territorial members complete the brief questionnaire by Friday, June 14, 2013. We are accepting multiple responses from each State and program, as the thoughts and opinions members provide will directly inform the Board of Directors’ strategic planning process.

Take the survey online: <http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/1244192/2013-Strategic-Planning-Survey>.

## Lifetime Achievement Award Nominations

The Association is now accepting nominations for the ASTSWMO Lifetime Achievement Award. Please submit nominations to Acting Executive Director Dania Rodriguez by June 1, 2013. Please review the official announcement: <http://astswmo.org/Files/Announcements/2013-Lifetime Achievement Award Noms.pdf>.

A list of past Lifetime Achievement Award recipients is online: [http://astswmo.org/Pages/Who\\_We\\_Are/Lifetime\\_Achievement\\_Award.html](http://astswmo.org/Pages/Who_We_Are/Lifetime_Achievement_Award.html).

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING ON AN ASTSWMO TASK FORCE OR FOCUS GROUP?** Visit the [Task Force and Focus Group Openings](#) page. The **2013 Members in Action Rotation** has created many new openings. Visit the page today to discover how you can participate.

### CERCLA AND BROWNFIELDS RESEARCH CENTER

The Brownfields Focus Group held an affiliated State Brownfield Managers meeting in conjunction with the Brownfields 2013 conference in Atlanta, GA, on May 15, 2013. The Focus Group discussed their "Community Gardening Toolbox" as well as their current project to identify success measures used by State Brownfield programs. The Focus Group will send out a trial spreadsheet to collect success measures to States in May. The Focus Group will use the data and comments collected to refine and finalize the spreadsheet. The Focus Group will submit their final project to U.S. EPA's Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization for potential use in bi-annual reporting.

The Focus Group also has begun the initial planning of ASTSWMO's 2014 Brownfields Symposium. The symposium will occur in the summer of 2014 in a to-be-determined location. If you have any suggested topics or sessions you would like to see, please contact Sam Puffenbarger ([samp@astswmo.org](mailto:samp@astswmo.org)) with feedback.

### RETIRING?

Please let us know how to reach you at home. We are working to build a network for retired members.

ASTSWMO newsletters are archived at: [astswmo.org/Pages/Policies\\_and\\_Publications/Newsletter.html](http://astswmo.org/Pages/Policies_and_Publications/Newsletter.html)

### 2013 Mid-Year Meeting: Maximizing Green Remediation

The Mid-Year Meeting occurred April 24-25 in Billings, MT. Past President Ed Thamke (MT) and President Jeff Steers (VA) welcomed the 163 attendees. U.S. EPA Assistant Administrator Mathy Stanislaus joined the meeting live via GoToMeeting streaming video and took questions from attendees.

Conchita Taitano of Guam EPA and Julie Carver of Matrix Design Group discussed how Guam is greening its small communities. Then, Thomas Potter of Massachusetts DEP presented on ASTSWMO's Greener Cleanups Workgroup and Green Remediation in Massachusetts; Jim Woolford of U.S. EPA/OSRTI presented on Green Remediation from U.S. EPA's perspective.

At the luncheon, Montana DEQ Director Tracy Stone-Manning spoke on her evolution as an environmental advocate.

All available presentations are online as PDFs at: [http://astswmo.org/Pages/Meetings/Past\\_Meetings/2013-Mid-Year\\_Meeting.html](http://astswmo.org/Pages/Meetings/Past_Meetings/2013-Mid-Year_Meeting.html). Video from recorded sessions will be online by the end of June.

### Tanks Subcommittee

On April 15, 2013, U.S. EPA released the *Guidance for Addressing Petroleum Vapor Intrusion at Leaking Underground Storage Tank Sites* for external review. The document can be accessed by visiting:

<http://www.epa.gov/oust/cat/pvi/petroleum-vapor-intrusion-review-draft-04092013.pdf>. The deadline for submitting comments on this document is

June 24, 2013, and the Tanks Subcommittee encourages all States to send comments directly to U.S. EPA by following instructions at:

<http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=EPA-HQ-RCRA-2002-0033>.

### FEDERAL FACILITIES RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE

On April 24, 2013, at the ASTSWMO Mid-Year Meeting, the Subcommittee led a discussion with States on current ASTSWMO Federal Facilities policy position papers, including those on FUDS, DSMOA, and BRAC. The Subcommittee will begin updating these position papers this spring and will work with States to ensure that the revised documents reflect the current status of each program. Current position papers are available at: [http://www.astswmo.org/Pages/Policies\\_and\\_Publications/ASTSWMO\\_Position\\_Papers.htm](http://www.astswmo.org/Pages/Policies_and_Publications/ASTSWMO_Position_Papers.htm).

During this meeting, some States also noted that they were unaware of ASTSWMO issues papers and guidance on subjects such as FUDS and Performance Based Contracts. All Federal Facilities Research Center documents are available at:

[http://www.astswmo.org/Pages/Policies\\_and\\_Publications/Federal\\_Facilities.htm](http://www.astswmo.org/Pages/Policies_and_Publications/Federal_Facilities.htm).

## **MATERIALS MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE**

Two panel sessions hosted by the Materials Management Subcommittee on April 24, 2013, featured presentations about the comprehensive planning work that Guam is doing to achieve its waste reduction goals. A broad range of topics was highlighted, including green purchasing, extended producer responsibility, establishment of “3R” requirements for public buildings, compost/organics waste processing, and construction and demolition debris diversion. An interactive component of the sessions facilitated information sharing among State and Territorial participants. The Subcommittee used GoToWebinar at the two sessions to provide for the participation of State staff who were not able to attend the meeting. There were engaged discussions of issues during the two roundtable sessions held on April 25. Guam’s planning work served as a springboard for the content of one roundtable, at which comprehensive materials management planning efforts in CA, OH, and OR were discussed. Topics covered during a second roundtable included U.S. EPA updates, the management of residuals from construction and demolition debris recycling, and current Materials Management Subcommittee Task Force projects. The Guam presentations made at the April 24<sup>th</sup> Materials Management sessions are available on the 2013 Mid-Year Meeting page on ASTSWMO.org.

## **GET TO KNOW THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

All Board members’ biographies are on the [Board of Directors page](#), as is the photo below.



Front row, left to right: George Desch (VT), Ken Kloo (NJ), Paul Connor (DC), Chris Sanders (MS), and Bruce Oertel (IN).

Back row, left to right: Jon Roberts (OK), Bill Bider (KS), Joe Shieffelin (CO), Conchita Taitano (GU), and Wendy Wiles (OR).

QUESTION OR COMMENT ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER?

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