

ASTSWMO

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Summer 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

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. [Registration is open.](#)

Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)

ASTSWMO thanks Scott Anderson, Director, Utah DEQ Solid and Hazardous Waste, and his staff for providing us with additional funding via a SEP payment. This funding will assist us in providing much needed training assistance. Thank you, UT DFO!

2013 Strategic Planning Survey

Thank you to all who responded to the Association's Strategic Planning Survey. The anonymous results were presented to the Board of Directors at their July 2013 meeting and provided insight that will guide the 2014 Strategic Plan.

ASTSWMO Is Moving to a New Office

ASTSWMO will be moving out of the Hall of the States this December. With a smaller staff and more space than we need, the move to a smaller office will allow us to decrease our expenses. Stay tuned for more information regarding the new office location, which will be determined soon.

2013 Annual Meeting

Registration is open for the 2013 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Funding and overall attendance are limited, so please register as soon as possible. We can reimburse only one person per State or Territory per funding source, so please wait to book your travel accommodations until you receive confirmation that you will be reimbursed.

On October 29, the membership will elect a new Vice-President during the morning session, and, in the evening, the Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to Stan Phillippe, as well as the presentation of awards to other members for their service to the Association.

Staffing Changes

In July, Dania Rodriguez was promoted to Executive Director, which required the reassignment of her duties as the Deputy Executive Director and the staff for two Subcommittees.

Kerry Callahan now staffs the Hazardous Waste Subcommittee in addition to the Materials Management Subcommittee.

Allison Goldberg now staffs the Program and Information Exchange Subcommittee and is the meetings contact in addition to her information- and communications-related duties.

Charles Reyes is the new contact for Special Travel requests in addition to staffing the Tanks and Federal Facilities Subcommittees.

Sam Puffenbarger now staffs the Program Steering Committee in addition to the CERCLA and Brownfields Subcommittee.

Hazardous Waste Subcommittee

On September 16, 2013, ASTSWMO's Hazardous Waste Program Information Management Task Force will present a RCRAInfo 101 Training Webinar in conjunction with ASTSWMO's Hazardous Waste Training Task Force. This training webinar is a general overview of RCRAInfo and serves as an excellent basic introduction for new users, as well as a refresher for more advanced users. This webinar is for State and Territorial employees and invited U.S. EPA guests only. Detailed information has been sent to Hazardous Waste Program contacts. For more information, please contact Allison Goldberg, ASTSWMO Program and Information Staff Associate, at 202-624-7883 or allisong@astswmo.org.

**FEDERAL FACILITIES RESEARCH
SUBCOMMITTEE**

In June 2013, the State Federal Coordination Focus Group released [Analysis of Interim Risk Management at Munitions Response Sites](#). The report provides an analysis of information received by States and DoD on interim risk management (IRM) controls and elements being implemented at munitions response sites nationwide. It provides recommendations to support the development of a national IRM framework that was proposed by the State Munitions Response Forum in its January 2013 report.

Members of the State Federal Coordination Focus Group will be contacting current ASTSWMO State points of contact for federal facilities to improve outreach to all States. If you are new to the State program and would like to be added to our contact list or no longer wish to receive information, please contact ASTSWMO staff or inform the Focus Group regional representatives who will be contacting you soon.

RETIRING?

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

ASTSWMO newsletters are archived at:
astswmo.org/Pages/Policies_and_Publications/Newsletter.html

Munitions Response Dialogue

On August 13-14, 2013, the Department of Defense (DoD) kicked off the Munitions Response Dialogue (MRD). The purpose of the MRD is promote broader communication and collaboration between representatives from the Office of Secretary of Defense (OSD), DoD Components, State regulators, and Federal Land Managers (FLMs). The group is co-chaired by one member each from DoD, U.S. EPA, and States. During the meeting, the 10 member States selected Steve Cobb, Alabama DEM, as the State Co-Chair.

On Day 1, Jeff Steers (VA), ASTSWMO President, provided opening remarks on behalf of the States, and ASTSWMO staff provided a presentation on its recent publication on interim risk management. State and Federal members provided updates from their respective munitions response programs and activities, and introduced topics they requested be addressed by the MRD moving forward. On Day 2, DoD provided an update on its classification technology demonstration and introduced discussion on technology transfer activities. The discussion included a summary of the technology's use and its results, training activities, and regulatory issues and concerns. At the end of the meeting, the group organized two subcommittees: one to address land use/institutional controls issues specific to munitions response and another to address data quality issues and classification technology transfer.

Moving forward, ASTSWMO staff will work closely with MRD members to communicate and share information with all States. ASTSWMO will also work with DoD and EPA to provide opportunities for non-MRD member States to participate in future meetings. The next meeting will be held on January 14-15, 2014.

Tanks Subcommittee

In June 2013, the Alternative Fuels Workgroup released [Compatibility of UST Systems with Biofuels](#). The document may serve as a resource for States, UST owners and operators, and contractors and consultants for the evaluation of equipment compatibility when storing biofuels. It includes an introduction to biofuels, discussion on biofuels storage and equipment compatibility, and Workgroup recommendations. It also includes informational resources from EPA and other government/private parties, a compatibility evaluation checklist-template, and site-specific case summaries provided to ASTSWMO by individual State Tanks programs.

In August and September, the Tanks Subcommittee and Task Forces will be working closely with States to help prepare for discussions at the National Tanks Conference, September 16-18, 2013, in Denver, Colorado. We look forward to seeing everyone and working with you in Denver!

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

The Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Recycling Task Force developed a list of State, Territorial and Regional recycling websites that is available on the ASTSWMO website at http://www.astswmo.org/Pages/Policies_and_Publications/Materials_Management/MSW_Recycling_TF-Links.htm. The page was designed to provide easy access to the websites for reference and research purposes. A clickable map provides access to websites within the selected region.

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

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

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The 27th Pacific Islands Environment Conference

On June 26-28, 2013, Guam EPA hosted the 27th Pacific Islands Environment Conference, a biennial conference coordinated jointly by Guam EPA, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands DEQ, and American Samoa EPA. The 2013 Conference coincided with the 40th anniversary of Guam EPA. Guam EPA welcomed colleagues from Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Philippines, Hawaii, and the mainland United States for the conference.

Guam EPA invited and funded Materials Management Subcommittee Chair Mark de Bie to attend as an ASTSWMO representative and featured speaker on their plenary panel "Moving Toward Zero Waste" and breakout sessions entitled "Recycling Trends," at which he spoke on bottle bills, and "Landfills in the Pacific," at which he spoke about landfill closure.

For more information on the proceedings and speakers, view the conference brochure on Guam EPA's ISSUU account:
http://issuu.com/guamepa/docs/piec_conferencebrochure.



Left to right: Eric M. Palacios, Administrator, Guam EPA; Conchita San Nicolas Taitano, Air and Land Administrator, Guam EPA, ASTSWMO Board of Directors Region 9 Representative; Mark de Bie, ASTSWMO Materials Management Subcommittee Chair at the 27th Pacific Islands Environment Conference in Guam.