



Above: The UST Task Force at the UST Workshop in Manchester, NH

Registration

Registration for the October 29-30 Annual Meeting will open on Tuesday, September 2.

- >Unveiling of the 2014 ASTSWMO Strategic Plan
- >Election of officers
- >Great memories!

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Upcoming Meetings

- >October 29-30, 2014: ASTSWMO Annual Meeting in Reston, VA.
- >April 23-24, 2015: ASTSWMO Mid-Year Meeting at the Wyndham Riverfront in North Little Rock, AR.
- >August 2015: Joint Hazardous Waste & Materials Management Conference. Location & Dates are to be determined.
- >October 29-30, 2015: ASTSWMO Annual Meeting in Bethesda, MD.

40 Years Later...

ASTSWMO turns 40 on October 22, 2014, and to celebrate our birthday, the Association will host a reception on October 29, 2014, from 5:30 to 9:00 PM. The reception is part of the October 29-30, 2014, Annual Meeting in Reston, VA.

Registration for the reception will open on Tuesday, September 2. There will be a fee associated with the reception for all who wish to attend. The reception will feature dinner, photographers, music, and more. We hope that past and current members and partners from the States, Territories, U.S. EPA and DOD, and others who have worked with ASTSWMO, will join us for the 40th Anniversary Reception.

ASTSWMO is seeking entities or individuals who are interested in sponsoring the reception, as well as people who would like to tell a story about their experience with the Association. ASTSWMO also seeks wordsmiths to help develop a new slogan and artists to submit designs for the 40th Anniversary slogan and logo contests. If you or someone you know would like more information on becoming a sponsor, giving a toast, or submitting a slogan or logo design, please contact Executive Director Dania Rodriguez at (202) 640-1061 or daniar@astswmo.org.



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CERCLA & Brownfields

The ASTSWMO Brownfields Focus Group published their 128(a) Successes Checklist project this quarter. The checklist and definitions below are meant to summarize the work accomplished during the reporting period that is not captured by ACRES and PALS. It is not meant to be a comprehensive compilation unless defined as such but rather a “snapshot taken” during that period. The Focus Group realized that programs and needs vary from State to State (and Territories) and therefore accomplishments will also vary, so the Checklist is not meant to be a “to do” list or goal to complete a task to obtain a number in every box, but rather an improved manner to report accomplishments and to provide a means to easily summarize what is being done on a national level.

- > [Introduction and Definitions of the 128\(a\) Successes Checklist \(PDF\)](#)
- > [128\(a\) Successes Checklist \(Excel\)](#)
- > [The Brownfields Focus Group also published a Position Paper on 128\(a\) funding provided by U.S. EPA](#)

Board of Directors

At their July meeting, the ASTSWMO Board of Directors adopted a position paper on Federal Regulation of Coal Combustion Residuals (CCRs) that was jointly developed by the Hazardous Waste and Materials Management Subcommittees. The paper draws upon comments previously provided to EPA in recommending that any federal regulation of CCRs be under RCRA Subtitle D. The position paper is available on the ASTSWMO website. Click [here](#) to read the position paper.

Materials Management

The MSW Recycling Task Force has recently updated its Commercial Sector Recycling Reference Sheets. The July 2014 update, which includes links to recycling resources for 12 sectors, is available on the Materials Management Policies and Publications webpage [here](#).

Tanks

The Tanks Subcommittee and its Task Forces released several resource documents this quarter. The Tanks Subcommittee published the Development and Implementation of State Tanks Core Programs (Tanks Core Report), which provides a summary and analysis of the costs of operating and maintaining the State UST programs. The Subcommittee also developed the LUST Trust Fund Fact Sheet, which summarizes current budget and guidance information specific to the LUST Trust Fund. The Trust Fund provides federal funding to support the U.S. EPA's, States', Territories', and Tribal LUST remediation and prevention programs. The LUST Task Force published two documents: the Lead Scavengers Survey Report documents how several State programs address the lead scavengers EDB and 1,2-DCA, and the Compendium of Emergency Response Actions at UST Sites updates the 2012 versions to provide 14 additional information sheets on emergency response actions that have occurred in States across the country. All documents are available on the ASTSWMO website on the Tanks Subcommittee Publications webpage [here](#).

On August 20-22, 2014, the UST Task Force hosted the 2014 ASTSWMO UST Compliance and Prevention Workshop in Manchester, NH. Approximately 100 attendees from 39 States and Territories, U.S. EPA Headquarters and Regions, and private industry and organizations participated in the Workshop. Information from the meeting, including copies of presentations and video recordings of many sessions, will be available on the ASTSWMO website soon.



Above: Charles Reyes, Tanks Senior Program Manager, Therron Blatter (UT), Former UST Task Force Chair, and Dania Rodriguez, Executive Director

Federal Facilities

The State Federal Coordination Focus Group sent a request to all State and Territorial federal facility managers in August to gather information on their programs' procedures for evaluating protectiveness changes that may arise at closed federal facility sites. The information gathered from States will be used to develop an issues paper that will document how States ensure protectiveness at closed federal facility sites. Please contact Charles Reyes for access to the information request.

The FUDS Forum Working Group held its first meeting on July 15-17, 2014, in Arlington, VA. A summary of the meeting and supporting documentation will be sent to all States when finalized. The State members will also reach out to all States for assistance in prioritizing issues the Working Group should address. To access information and collaborate with other State and federal agencies on FUDS related issues, visit the FUDS Forum Portal at <https://www.fudsforum.org/>.

Therron Blatter faithfully served as the Chair for the UST Task Force for the past five years. He was presented the award pictured at right for his excellent work.

Stay tuned for updates on membership opportunities.



Job Opportunities

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation is recruiting for a Division Director for the Waste Management and Prevention Division. The application deadline is September 2, 2014. For more information about the position and how to apply, visit [DHR Job Specifications](#).

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The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has an opening for the position of Chief of the Solid Waste Landfills Unit. Applications will be accepted until September 1, 2014. Additional information is available on the Employment Resources page of the ASTSWMO website [here](#).



Above: Wafa Elamin, ASTSWMO's 2014 Summer Intern. Wafa attends Virginia Tech and will graduate with dual degrees in Environmental Policy & Planning and International Studies. To learn more about Wafa and her internship experience click [here](#) or the picture above.

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