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ASTSWMO speaks at CCR House Subcommittee Hearing

On January 22, 2015, President Michael Forbeck spoke at a House Energy and Commerce Committee subcommittee hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency’s final rule, regarding disposal of coal combustion residuals from electric utilities.

Forbeck drew from his many years of State service to answer questions from the subcommittee.

In his testimony, Forbeck highlighted two main points. Firstly, “ASTSWMO is in full agreement with the final EPA rule being promulgated under RCRA Subtitle D.” Secondly, “ASTSWMO has concerns with State solid waste management plans as the mechanism for dealing with the issue of dual State and federal authority.”

Forbeck’s testimony prompted discussion on Twitter about the need for a federal CCR rule. Follow us on Twitter to get real time updates on all ASTSWMO’s happenings.

Above: Forbeck testifies before the House Subcommittee

ASTSWMO Calendar

- April 23-24, 2015
  ASTSWMO Mid-Year Meeting at the Wyndham Riverfront in North Little Rock, AR.
  Registration is open.

- August 11-13, 2015
  Joint Hazardous Waste and Materials Management Training Conference at the Hilton Long Beach Hotel in Long Beach, CA.
  Registration is not open.

- October 29-30, 2015
  ASTSWMO Annual Meeting at the Bethesda Hyatt Hotel in Bethesda, MD.
  Registration is not open.

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A quarterly newsletter of the ASTSWMO community.
Dania Rodriguez explains ASTSWMO’s 2014 Strategic Plan

Executive Director Dania Rodriguez recently sat down to speak to the membership about ASTSWMO’s 2014 Strategic Plan. Rodriguez was asked questions such as, “How is this plan different from previous strategic plans?” and “What are the main goals of the strategic plan?”

This most recent Strategic Plan was over two years in the making. ASTSWMO’s Board reviewed past plans and collaborated with our members, alumni, and partners to create a plan that meets the needs of a growing organization. Want to know more about the plan itself and follow the progress of the work plans? Check out the links below!

- Rodriguez’s interview: http://bit.ly/1DLIe6O

Funding

As part of ASTSWMO’s 2014 Strategic Plan, ASTSWMO will be redesigning its website to bring information to members in new and innovative ways. Before we decide on the direction of our redesign, we want to hear from you!

Please fill out our website survey using the link below. We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your commitment to making ASTSWMO better through your participation.


ASTSWMO has recently received additional funding through SEP payments from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and, for a second time, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality.

The MS payment will be utilized for hazardous waste training and travel to the Joint Hazardous Waste and Materials Management Training in August 2015; it will enable ASTSWMO to fund approximately 20 additional attendees to the Training. MS DEQ and EPA Region 4 coordinated with ASTSWMO during the SEP process in directing the payment to the Association. The UT DEQ payment will be used to support ASTSWMO’s Hazardous Waste and Materials Management program activities. Thank you, MS and UT! If your State is able to consider ASTSWMO as a recipient of a SEP payment, please contact ASTSWMO Executive Director Dania Rodriguez at daniar@astswmo.org.
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Site Assessment Chair
Barbara Nabors retiring

After over 24 years of service to the State of Colorado, Barbara Nabors (pictured left) will retire this March. Nabors has been active with ASTSWMO for the past 7 years. During her tenure as Chair, the group produced reports on the importance of the Site Assessment Program. The CERCLA Brownfields Subcommittee Chair, Jennifer Roberts (pictured right), thanked Nabors for her service and presented her with an achievement award to recognize her dedication to the Association and its mission.

Sam Puffenbarger leaves ASTSWMO

After 6 years of dedicated work for the Association, Sam Puffenbarger leaves to pursue his passion for brewing.

In his goodbye email to the membership Sam says, “I cannot begin to state how much I respect the work my State members and Federal counterparts do on a daily basis.” Sam worked diligently as Program Manager for the CERCLA and Brownfields Subcommittee to help members create and utilize essential resources.

He welcomes members to stay in touch, and his personal contact information is sam.puffenbarger@gmail.com or 202-341-3689.
ASTSWMO State News

What is going on in your State?

ASTSWMO wants to hear from you! Do you have programs that have had a recent success or milestone? Share it with us! ASTSWMO is committed to continuing to be a resource for our membership. So if you’ve done something, say something! ASTSWMO will share this information on our social media pages, newsletter.

ASTSWMO Peer Match

ASTSWMO State-to-State Peer Match Opportunity

ASTSWMO has limited funding available to allow States and Territories (States) to share their experiences and technologies related to Brownfields, CERCLA, Federal Facilities, Hazardous Waste, Solid Waste, and Tanks program management with other States. This Peer Match funding supports the ability for one or two State staff seeking assistance to travel to another State for two to three days to exchange experiences, technologies or other information on programmatic approaches of particular interest to the participating States. ASTSWMO will reimburse State staff seeking assistance for travel expenses incurred.

The State staff seeking assistance must complete and submit a Peer Match Trip Report to ASTSWMO after the Peer Match has occurred. For details about the Peer Match application process, please visit the ASTSWMO webpage at http://astswmo.org/Pages/Resources/Peer_Match.html. We encourage States to take advantage of this opportunity while the limited funding remains available.

Green Sheet

ASTSWMO is committed to providing members with the highest quality resources.

Recently, Ecovac shared their newsletter with our staff. This document contains valuable information on upcoming conferences and training in the fields of energy and resource management. Click the link below to learn more!

http://bit.ly/1M3VRCh

Above: Omar Tyson participates in ASTSWMO’s Peer Match Program

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