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## ASTSWMO Remembers Norm Nosenchuck

Norman H. Nosenchuck, P.E., one of the founding members of ASTSWMO, passed away on December 15, 2015 after a long illness. He was a former director of divisions in the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) responsible for programs that included solid and hazardous waste management and remediation. He retired from the DEC in 1998.

Norm was one of several State waste managers who met in 1979 and developed the first grant proposal for EPA funding to support the establishment and activities of the ASTSWMO office in Washington, D.C. He had an abiding commitment to the Association from these early days, and served the organization in various capacities, including President, a member of the Board of Directors for 13 years,



*Above: The late Norman H. Nosenchuck*

Chair in the mid-1980's of what was then known as the Superfund Committee, and Chair of the former Incinerator Ash Residue Task Force. In 2002, in recognition of his many years of dedicated service and accomplishments, Norm received

the first ASTSWMO Lifetime Achievement Award. It was noted at the time that, "Norm always sought to take a common-sense approach which was sensitive to the diversity of ASTSWMO States." Through his numerous contributions over a span of many years, Norm truly exemplified the mission of ASTSWMO to enhance and promote effective State and Territorial programs and to affect relevant national policies for waste and materials management, environmentally sustainable practices, and environmental restoration.



## ASTSWMO 2014 Strategic Plan:

Want to check out the 2014 Strategic Plan (Year 2) workplans?

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# ASTSWMO **Subcommittees**

## **CERCLA & Brownfields Joint Symposia this Summer!**

The ASTSWMO CERCLA & Brownfields Subcommittee is hosting a joint symposia on August 3-5, 2016, in Detroit MI. The symposia will focus on hot topics in Sediments, Remedial Action, CERCLA Post Construction, Removals, Site Assessment and Brownfields.

## **Hazardous Waste and Materials Management Subcommittees Updates**

### *Update to ASTSWMO 2007 RCRA Core Report*

The Hazardous Waste Subcommittee is in the process of updating the ASTSWMO 2007 State RCRA Subtitle C Core Hazardous Waste Program Implementation Costs report, known as the Core Report. The original study was undertaken to determine the nature and costs to the States of implementing the RCRA Subtitle C program, and

evaluated the major RCRA C Program areas of (1) permitting, (2) remediation – closure and corrective action, (3) compliance, (4) enforcement, and (5) program development activities. The 2007 report was based on a representative 10-State pilot study; the update is seeking information from FY 2015 from all States and Territories (State). The Subcommittee appreciates State responses received thus far. If your State hazardous waste program has not yet responded and would like more information, please contact Kerry Callahan at [kerryc@astswmo.org](mailto:kerryc@astswmo.org).

### **Joint Subcommittee Work on CRTs/E-Material**

The Hazardous Waste and Materials Management Subcommittees are jointly looking at issues of cathode ray tube (CRT) and e-material management. We will keep you informed as to future work products that emerge from this joint effort.

## **Recent Publications**

The Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Task Force within the Hazardous Waste Subcommittee developed comments on two proposed rules, which were submitted to EPA in December 2015: [Management Standards for Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals](#), and [Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements](#).

The Solid Waste Disposal and Conversion Task Force within the Materials Management Subcommittee developed comments that were submitted to EPA in December 2015 on the proposed rule, [Revision to the Research, Development and Demonstration \(RD&D\) Permits Rule for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills](#).

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

**2016: ASTSWMO Mid-Year Meeting & LUST State Fund-Financial Responsibility Workshop**, Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA, April 27 – 28, 2016 (Workshop extends through Friday, April 29th). Registration is open.

**2016: ASTSWMO Brownfields and Superfund Symposium**, Crowne Plaza Hotel in Detroit, MI, August 3-5, 2016. Registration is not open.

**2016: ASTSWMO Annual Meeting**, Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington, DC, October 27-28, 2016. Registration is not open.

## Easier, Better, Faster Permitting – A New Tool from Texas

The Industrial and Hazardous Waste (I&HW) Permits Section of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) recently unveiled a customizable Electronic Part B Checklist for permit applicants to use when preparing major applications.

The checklist serves a threefold purpose: saving time and effort, reducing deficiencies, and improving the quality of permit applications. This Excel spreadsheet includes both administrative and technical requirements of the Part B Permit Application. By answering 17 simple questions with the click of a mouse, the applicant can customize the checklist to fit each facility's specifications. The automated screening sorts through the requirements generating one of the 133,000 possible versions of the checklist, tailored to the applicant's needs.

If you are interested in a personal demonstration, please contact Mr. Bob Patton, Manager of I&HW Permits in the Waste Permits Division of the TCEQ, at (512) 239-2277, or at [bob.patton@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:bob.patton@tceq.texas.gov). The spreadsheet is free for download at [https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/waste\\_permits/ihw\\_permits/ihw.html](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/waste_permits/ihw_permits/ihw.html).

## Waste Not Want Not --Nevada Turns Trash into a Work of Art

Nevada is getting creative with repurposing waste!!

<http://www.nevadaappeal.com/news/19112246-113/4-from-carson-city-place-in-nevada-department#>

## New Jersey Announces New Ground Water Quality Criteria

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection recently published Interim Ground Water Quality Criteria for several compounds including 1,4-dioxane and perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA). The newly published criteria can be found at [http://www.nj.gov/dep/srp/regs/gwqs/srwmp\\_implementing\\_11-25-15\\_interim\\_gwqs.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/dep/srp/regs/gwqs/srwmp_implementing_11-25-15_interim_gwqs.pdf). The full list of compounds with Interim Ground Water Quality Criteria, along with a fact sheet and supporting technical information, can be found at [http://www.nj.gov/dep/wms/bears/gwqs\\_interim\\_criteria\\_table.htm](http://www.nj.gov/dep/wms/bears/gwqs_interim_criteria_table.htm).

## Vermont Moves the Needle on Food Recovery

Vermont's Universal Recycling law (Act 148) has already accomplished a great deal. For example, nearly 100% of the municipalities in the state have adopted Pay As You Throw systems, and preliminary data indicate that their waste generation rates are down significantly

as a result. Other newsworthy implementation statistics include the 30% increase in surplus food donation from December 2014 to December 2015, with a 60% increase projected in 2016 (as reported by the Vermont Foodbank).

This comes as encouraging news following nearly two years of close collaboration between the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) and the Vermont Foodbank in promoting Vermont's Food Recovery Hierarchy. While the increase in donated food is not solely attributed to the implementation of the Universal Recycling law, the increase is tied closely enough with ANR efforts that Vermont Foodbank food donation data is being incorporated into state annual Diversion and Disposal reports. Initial incorporation began with 2014 data to establish a baseline and will be a beneficial mile marker as ANR moves forward with Universal Recycling implementation. Visit ANR at [www.recycle.vt.gov](http://www.recycle.vt.gov).

## What is going on in your State and Territory?

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! If you have news, please submit to Molly Lowney at [mollyl@astswmo.org](mailto:mollyl@astswmo.org).

# ASTSWMO Achievements

**Q&A: ASTSWMO member, Karin Hendrickson, works by day at the Alaska DEC in the Solid Waste Program but in her personal time she pursues her passion for dogsledding.**

**Question: How long have you been competitively dog sledding?**

I ran my first Iditarod in 2009. I ran qualifying races in 2007 and 2008.

**Question: What first got you interested in mushing the Iditarod?**

I came up as a volunteer for Iditarod, which is primarily run through a vast pool of volunteers. I met some of the mushers and realized that this was something I wanted to experience. I started off just thinking I wanted to do a couple of seasons as a handler (helper), but I never imagined I'd actually have my own kennel or race myself.



*Above: Dogs prepare for a training run*

**Question: How many dogs do you have?**

I have a very small kennel for a competitive team – only about 30

dogs. We need to start Iditarod with 16 dogs, and it's best to have a pool of 25 or more to choose from. Then you have older retired dogs, yearlings, puppies.... It's easy to see how you would end up with 60-100 dogs at a competitive kennel.

**Question: How do you train your dogs? What age do you start training them?**

We start teaching the puppies manners and to listen and pay attention from day one. When they are 5 months old or so we let them go on short runs. After watching how much fun the adults have, they automatically want to run in a group, so they catch on really quickly. Once they are all going forward and stopping when they are asked, it's just a matter of going on plenty of runs. They learn a lot from the other dogs, things like do NOT get tangled in that bush when we stop, don't harass your partner, no chasing critters into the woods, etc.

**Question: How often do you train with them?**

We start training in August, and run 3-5 days per week all the way through spring. First runs are only 5 miles, but by January we can easily run 80-100 miles.

**Question: What makes a good sled dog?**

We look for a lot of factors. They



*Above: Karin Hendrickson with one of her teammates*

need to be physically well built and athletic. They need to have durable feet and good hair. They need to have a ravenous appetite (something we both breed and train for, as sled dogs must consume large quantities of food to fuel their efforts). Most of all, they need the drive and desire to keep going down the trail.

**Question: What is your favorite memory from competing with your dogs?**

I have seen and experienced so many wonderful, scary, amazing things on the trail. The common threads are always the wonder at the beauty and danger that is the Alaskan wilderness, and the intense bonded partnership that develops with dogs when you work together as a team to overcome nearly impossible challenges. These dogs are teammates, friends, and family to me.

# ASTSWMO Gives Back

## Next donation collection will support the people of Pittsburgh

In April of 2015, ASTSWMO began an initiative to support local community development projects and organizations in the cities in which we hold our meetings. Since ASTSWMO began accepting donations, we have raised more than \$2,000.00 for various charities.

The chosen charity for the 2016 ASTSWMO Mid-Year Meeting will be Sister Friend, an organization that sustains feminine health by providing homeless and underprivileged women and girls with feminine care products.

Donations will be accepted at the ASTSWMO Meeting Registration table throughout the meeting. Please visit: <http://www.sisterfriend.org/> to learn more!

## ASTSWMO Reminders

### Alumni

Are you close to retirement? Do you know retired waste managers who used to be active in ASTSWMO? ASTSWMO staff would like the personal contact information for retired or soon-to-retire waste managers. Staff continues to work on a plan to create a mentoring network for young professionals who work in RCRA C and D, Tanks, CERCLA, Brownfields, and Federal Facilities.

Send your contact information to Dania Rodriguez: 202-640-1061 or [daniar@astswmo.org](mailto:daniar@astswmo.org).

### Employment Opportunities

Click [here](#) to check out opportunities in the field of environmental protection.

### Members in Action

Are you interested in volunteering on an ASTSWMO Task Force or Focus Group?

The 2016 Members in Action Rotation has created many new openings. Check out the rosters below!

[CERCLA and Brownfields Roster](#)

[Federal Facilities Roster](#)

[Hazardous Waste Roster](#)

[Materials Management Roster](#)

[Tanks Roster](#)

### ASTSWMO Website

ASTSWMO has launched our new website! Check out all the great resources we have to offer at [astswmo.org](http://astswmo.org).

### ASTSWMO Executive Committee

ASTSWMO is now accepting candidates, who are interested in running for Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. Please contact ASTSWMO Past-President [Mike Forbeck \(mforbeck@pa.gov\)](#) for more info!

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