

ASTSWMO Superfund and Brownfields Symposium
August 9-11, 2022
Hilton Des Moines Downtown Hotel
Des Moines, IA

SYMPOSIUM PARTICIPATION

The ASTSWMO CERCLA and Brownfields Subcommittee is pleased to invite you to our Superfund and Brownfields Symposium on Tuesday, August 9 – Thursday, August 11, 2022, in Des Moines, IA. This year's theme is "Remediation to Restoration to Revitalization." This theme refers to the process of remediating contaminated sediments and restoring ecosystems to foster sustainable revitalization in coastal communities. Remediation to Restoration to Revitalization is a framework for translating ecological consequences from remediation and restoration projects into environmental and socioeconomic benefits such as swimmable water, enhanced recreational amenities, and green development. Remediation to Restoration to Revitalization supports States, Regions, and other partners to clean up contaminated sites in ways that reduce health and environmental risks and help return these sites as valuable assets for local communities.

The two and-a-half day Symposium has been designed as a forum for interaction among State and Territorial (State) Superfund and Brownfields Managers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters and Regional staff, and other invited guests. The primary objective of this Symposium is to emphasize discussion and information-sharing opportunities among speakers and attendees regarding approaches and strategies used by State Brownfield and Superfund programs in remediating, restoring, and revitalizing the various sites across the country. Due to limitations on hotel meeting space capacity and accommodations availability, priority attendance will be given to our members, federal officials, and invited guests. Additional information on State member reimbursement and participation for the Symposium is provided below.

SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

The Symposium is a mix of plenary and concurrent sessions. Plenary sessions will address issues relevant to both Superfund and Brownfields programs. Concurrent sessions will allow for a focus on Superfund and Brownfields program-specific topics. Please note that the conference is in person and that the planning committee will review which sessions will lend themselves to virtual.

The current draft agenda is available [here](#) and will be updated on a regular basis leading up to the Symposium.

REIMBURSEMENT AND PARTICIPATION FOR STATES

ASTSWMO has funding available to reimburse a minimum of one Brownfields program attendee and one Superfund program attendee per State (two total). Additional funding may also be made available to allow States to send more than two attendees. Priority for funding additional attendees from the same State will be given to CERCLA and Brownfields Focus Group members from the State and then State speakers. Funding for State registrants placed on a wait list for ASTSWMO travel reimbursement will be considered after the registration deadline. ASTSWMO requests that States predetermine which staff will travel with ASTSWMO reimbursement prior to staff registering for the Symposium. In order to receive ASTSWMO funding, the State attendee must be pre-registered with ASTSWMO and funding must be

approved and confirmed by ASTSWMO prior to travel arrangements being made. States may fund additional attendees.

If you have any questions about reimbursement availability or State participation, contact Scott Lauher, ASTSWMO, at scottl@astswmo.org.

SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

ASTSWMO is **NOT** charging a registration fee for the Symposium. All attendees, including speakers, must register for the meeting. The last day to register with ASTSWMO is **Wednesday, July 6, 2022**.

ASTSWMO also reserves the right to close registration early if capacity is reached prior to July 6, 2022. There will be no on-site registration for the Symposium. Please [click here](#) for the online registration form.

A confirmation of registration e-mail will be forwarded to you by EventBrite upon receipt of your completed registration form.

Please note that confirmation of reimbursement will be sent separately by ASTSWMO staff within two weeks after receiving a registration with a request for funding. Please do not make any travel arrangements before you receive the reimbursement confirmation from ASTSWMO staff.

If you need additional assistance regarding registration, please contact TJ Gannon, ASTSWMO, at timothyg@astswmo.org).

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ASTSWMO is offering sponsorship opportunities at the Symposium. If you are interested in sponsoring a portion of the Symposium such as a refreshment break, please contact Dania Rodriguez, ASTSWMO Executive Director, at daniar@astswmo.org

For more details on Sponsorship, please read our [Sponsorship Policy](#).

TRAVEL POLICIES FOR ASTSWMO-FUNDED ATTENDEES

ASTSWMO's current travel and reimbursement policies and procedures are located on our website's [Travel and Reimbursement page](#). Please review these policies, as they have changed recently and may be different from others you are used to using. Additional instructions specific to the Symposium and a summary of travel policies will be sent to ASTSWMO-funded attendees with your reimbursement confirmation. For more information regarding ASTSWMO travel procedures and allowable expenses, please contact Maria Warner, ASTSWMO, at mariaw@astswmo.org.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND RATES

The Symposium will be held at the Hilton Des Moines Downtown Hotel. The hotel is located downtown near Des Moines attractions.

ASTSWMO has reserved a block of sleeping rooms at the government rate of \$111 per single/double occupancy; taxes are 15% per night.

Room reservations will be accepted through **Friday, July 15, 2022**. Reservations made after that date will be subject to a determination by the hotel of room and date availability.

Hilton Des Moines Downtown Hotel
435 Park Street, Des Moines, IA 50309
515-241-1456

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/dsmdihh-hilton-des-moines-downtown/>

- To make Online Reservations within the ASTSWMO room block, please use this link:
<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/dsmdihh-tswm-54bb883b-e450-433f-bfc6-9d052ddea84/>
- To make your reservations by Phone:
Please contact Hilton reservations at 1 (800) 445-8667 or the Hilton Des Moines Downtown Hotel directly at (515) 241-1456, and mention you are calling for the ASTSWMO Superfund and Brownfields Symposium.

Check-in time is 3:00 PM and check-out time is 12:00 PM.

All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card

ASTSWMO strongly suggests that attendees make their hotel reservations **in advance** of receiving out-of-state travel approval and/or funding confirmation from ASTSWMO to ensure room availability at the contracted rate. If necessary, you can cancel your hotel reservations up to 48 hours prior to check-in without penalty. Additional night stay-overs must be pre-approved by ASTSWMO prior to travel. ASTSWMO does not reimburse travelers for hotel or meal expenses associated with additional stay-over days before or after the meeting.

AIR AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Airport

The closest airport is the Des Moines International Airport, located 5.4 miles from the hotel. The airport website is: <https://www.flydsm.com/>

Ground Transportation

The hotel does provide airport shuttle service to and from the airport. To book, please call the Hilton Des Moines Downtown Hotel at (515) 241-1456.

For more information about public transit, taxis and other ground transportation from the Des Moines International Airport to the hotel, visit the Parking and Transportation webpage on the airport website at: <https://www.flydsm.com/at-the-airport/ground-transportation>

TRAVEL BY PERSONAL AUTO

For guests planning to drive to Des Moines, a map is available on the hotel [website](#).

The hotel offers on-site parking at a daily rate of \$22. Parking is also available at the 5th and Keo parking garage, which is one block down from the hotel and is connected via the skywalk, and the daily rate is \$10. Please note that valet parking is not available.

Members seeking reimbursement who wish to drive to the Symposium may do so without ASTSWMO pre-approval provided that the total roundtrip mileage is less than or equal to 500 miles. If roundtrip mileage is greater than 500 miles, then members must obtain prior approval from ASTSWMO by completing the Special Travel Request form and Worksheet for Auto Travel Exceeding 500 Miles Round-trip and providing the requisite documentation. Instructions will be included in your reimbursement confirmation. A receipt is required for parking when the total cost of the parking is \$75 or over, regardless of the daily rate.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Please contact TJ Gannon, ASTSWMO, at timothyg@astswmo.org with any special accommodation needs, including assistance for individuals with disabilities or requiring English language translation assistance. You may also list such needs on the registration form, which has a text box in which to list ADA and other special needs.

GREEN MEETING

ASTSWMO is committed to minimizing the environmental impact of this meeting through decreasing the amount of solid waste produced by the event and disposing of solid and liquid wastes generated at the event in an environmentally responsible manner. As such, ASTSWMO has evaluated how best to distribute information on the meeting prior to and following the event. Any presentations received prior to the meeting will be posted online along with the final agenda and attendee directory.

DEADLINES TO REMEMBER

Symposium Registration Deadline: **Wednesday, July 6, 2022**

Hotel Room Block Cut-off Date: **Friday, July 15, 2022**

QUESTIONS?

Questions about any aspect of the Symposium can be directed to Scott Lauher, ASTSWMO, at scottl@astswmo.org.