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2023 ASTSWMO MID-YEAR MEETING AGENDA - DRAFT
APRIL 26-27, 2023
Hotel Dupont
Wilmington, DE

“Communication”

All attendees are required to pre-register for the Mid-Year Meeting by at:

AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE

Wednesday, April 26, 2023		
7:00–8:15 AM	Meeting Check-In – Beverages Provided	
8:00-8:45 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks	
8:45 - 9:45 AM	EJ Actions in your State/Territory	
9:45 – 10:15 AM	Networking and Coffee Break – Beverages Provided	
10:15 – Noon	Communication Training	
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Lunch on your own	
1:30-3:00 PM	Program Breakouts	
3:00-3:30 PM	Networking Break – Beverages Provided	
3:30-5:00 PM	Program Breakouts	
5:30-7:00 PM	Reception & ASTSWMO Gives Back Recognition	
Thursday, April 27, 2023		
7:00–8:00 AM	Meeting Check-In – Light Refreshments Provided	
8:00-9:15 AM	Program Breakouts & Roundtables	
9:15-9:45 AM	Hotel Check-Out Break – No Refreshments Provided	
9:45 – 11:00 AM	Program Breakouts	

Day 1: Wednesday, April 26, 2023**7:00 AM – 8:00 AM** **MEETING CHECK-IN: *No on-site registration; light refreshments available*****8:00 AM – 8:45 AM****WELCOME / OPENING REMARKS****Moderator: Millie Garcia-Serrano (MA), ASTSWMO President**

- ASTSWMO Welcome
 - Tim Ratsep (DE), ASTSWMO Past-President
- U.S. EPA Office of Land and Emergency Management - Invited

8:45 – 9:45 AM**EJ Actions in your State/Territory****Moderator: Dr. Kateria Moore (DE)**

This session will provide examples of how States have incorporated environmental justice into their cleanup programs, successes, challenges and tools to continue the true mission of environmental justice, that all people are entitled to equal environmental protection regardless of race, color or national origin.

- Deneen M. Simpson (MA), Director of Environmental Justice & Program Manager for BPE
- Dr. Kateria Moore (DE), State Environmental Justice Coordinator

9:45 – 10:15 AM **NETWORKING BREAK – Beverages Provided****10:15 – Noon****Communication Training****Presenter: Carol Vernon, Communication Matters, LLC**

This interactive session will focus on how communications are changing and how people receive and process information. The keynote speaker will share information on how to be heard and how to address conflicting information. In addition, an overview will be provided on some of the most effective methods for reaching stakeholders.

12:00 – 1:30 PM **Lunch (on your own)****1:30 – 3:00 PM** **PROGRAM BREAKOUTS****CERCLA & Brownfields Subcommittee: Making Your Point: Promoting Strong Science Communication**

You only have one shot at making a good first impression. Over the years, scientists, engineers, and regulatory officials have developed a reputation for giving technically sound [perhaps overly detailed] presentations but at the risk of not connecting with their audience due to scientific jargon or highlighting uncertainty to the point of blurring the technical conclusion. This program will provide a strategy, approaches, and specific examples for positive engagement and meaningful communication with your audience. The program will also highlight the SERO Speaks program being led by a young professional at the Massachusetts DEP with a focus on communication skills and promoting public speaking.

Speakers:

- Paula Middlebrooks, Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
- David Foss, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
- Nicholas A. Shuler, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

Joint Hazardous Waste & Federal Facilities Subcommittees: Open Burning/Open Detonation

U.S. EPA speakers will start the session with an Open Burning/Open Detonation (OB/OD) “101” presentation to put session attendees on the same page with a basic understanding of the issue, provide updates of the Agency’s work, and discuss CERCLA considerations. A Department of Defense (DoD) speaker offer will a Department perspective with a focus on permit renewals, including implementation of the requirement in the [June 2022 U.S. EPA OB/OD policy memo](#) that an alternative technology evaluation must be done before a permit is issued. Following these opening remarks, the majority of the session will be discussion oriented to allow information sharing about where States are in the permitting process, what issues they are facing and the challenges they are experiencing, or experienced if they have already finalized permit renewals.

Speakers:

- Amanda Kohler, U.S. EPA, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery
- Doug Maddox, U.S. EPA Federal Facilities Restoration & Reuse Office
- Brian Jordan, U.S. Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense

Materials Management (MM) Subcommittee: Issues Related to the Work of MM Task Forces

Topics within the scope of work of ASTSWMO Materials Management (MM) Subcommittee Task Forces will be highlighted during this session. The Chair of the Radiation Task Force will present an overview and demonstration of the Task Force’s recently issued Radiological Disaster Debris Self-Assessment Questionnaire work product. Construction and demolition debris (C&D) recycling will be featured in a presentation by Revolution Recovery, which operates a C&D Materials Recovery Facility in DE.

Speakers:

- Elizabeth McCaskill (OK), Chair, ASTSWMO Radiation Task Force
- Jonathan Wybar, Revolution Recovery, New Castle, DE
- TBD

Tanks Subcommittee: Out-Of-Date Monitoring Systems – What’s Your State’s Status?

The ASTSWMO Release Prevention Task Force will present information on Underground Storage Tank (UST) unsupported monitoring systems, options for State regulators, and what the future holds for different types of UST facilities. In group discussion, attendees will further discuss their States’ monitoring processes and share successes and failures among their programs. Come and share your experiences and leave with ideas to implement in your State!

Speakers: Mike Hollis (NJ) ASTSWMO Release Prevention Task Force Chair, hris Hamilton (NM), ASTSWMO Release Prevention Task Force Member,

3:00 – 3:30 PM**NETWORKING BREAK – Beverages Provided**

3:30 – 5:00 PM PROGRAM BREAKOUTS**CERCLA & Brownfields Subcommittee: Designing and Redesigning an Investigation and Remediation Program with an Equity Lens**

Casa Ramona is a social services organization in the highly disadvantaged community of San Bernardino, California. They are helpers working tirelessly to rehabilitate their former elementary school into a viable community space and accessible senior housing. Their struggle is illustrative of remediation challenges across the nation where brownfield resources could make a difference. Learn how CA's \$270.5M Equitable Community Revitalization Grant for assessment, investigations and cleanups were designed with projects like Casa Ramona's in mind, with the intent to revitalize communities across California. However, after the launch of the first round, additional conversations with environmental justice advocacy groups resulted in the entire program being paused to discuss and collaborate on ways to ensure that post-cleanup uses were equitable, useful, safe, and available for the communities for which they were being designed.

This session will provide actionable information on how to design and course-correct to ensure community voices, cleanup options, and anti-displacement practices are central in award criteria. You will leave the session with a clearer understanding of how equity issues play out in practice throughout the brownfield program development process.

Speakers:

- Maryam Tansif-Abbasi, California Department of Toxic Substance Control
- Diana Sasser, National Development Council
- Jean Hamerman, Center for Creative Land Recycling

Federal Facilities Subcommittee: Climate Change and Potential Impacts at CERCLA Sites

The Department of Energy will clarify what climate change is and what can be expected. Present examples of climate impacts at federal sites and federal agencies recognition regarding the need to combat climate change will also be discussed. EPA will identify guidance documents and demonstrate available tools that can be used to assess potential climate impacts at federal facility Superfund sites and preventative actions that can be performed.

Speakers:

- Dr. Allison McComiskey, U.S. Department of Energy
- Brian Jankauskas, P.E., New York State Department of Conservation
- Jessica Mollin & Diane Salkie, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2

Joint Hazardous Waste and Materials Management Subcommittees: EV Batteries

Electric vehicle (EV) battery recycling and management will be the focus of this session. Updates of work being done to address other types of batteries will also be discussed.

Tanks Subcommittee: Are Your State's Cost Controls Effective? Creating A Guide for Establishing/Evaluating Cost Controls

The Tanks Subcommittee Financial Responsibility Task Force has collected information from each State/Territory on their cost controls to further develop a resource to states in developing costs and managing funds. This data will show various types of cost control methods, details about the processes each State uses, as well as provide insight into the successes and failures of different cost controls implemented. The information gathered during this session will be used as part of the Task Force's larger Cost Controls project. Join the Task Force in the conversation as they disseminate their data and allow the audience to provide feedback on the results and share what deliverables would benefit your state!

5:30 – 7:00 PM RECEPTION & ASTSWMO Gives Back Recognition (MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED TO ATTEND)
Sponsored and Funded by the ASTSWMO Board of Directors to be held in:

Day 2: Thursday, April 27, 2023

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM **MEETING CHECK-IN**
Light refreshments available

8:00 – 9:15 AM **PROGRAM BREAKOUTS**

CERCLA & Brownfields Subcommittee: PFAS Roundtable Discussion (States and Federal Partners Only)

Federal Facilities Subcommittee: Applying Environmental Justice in Federal Facility Superfund Cleanups – EPA Region 3 Pilot

Moderator: Casey Korbini (WV), Region 3 Representative, ASTSWMO Board of Directors

Confirmed Speakers:

- Cal Baier-Anderson, U.S. EPA, Federal Facilities Restoration & Reuse Office
- Lisa Donahue, U.S. EPA, Region 3
- LeRoy Demarest, Air Force Civil Engineer Center

Hazardous Waste Subcommittee: Roundtable Discussion

Materials Management Subcommittee: Roundtable Discussion

Tanks Subcommittee: EPA OUST Project Updates on High Resolution Site Characterization (HRSC) & American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)'s Moving Sites to Closure Efforts

Speakers:

- Will Anderson, Cleanup and Revitalization Division at EPA OUST
- Alex Wardle, Cleanup and Revitalization Division at EPA OUST
- Tom Schruben, Cleanup and Revitalization Division at EPA OUST

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9:45 – 11:00 AM PROGRAM BREAKOUTS

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Federal Facilities Program Subcommittee: Addressing PFAS at Federal Facilities

Moderator: Jennifer Currie (AK), Chair, ASTSWMO Federal Facilities Subcommittee

Delaware DNREC and the U.S. Air Force will share successes and challenges associated with off-base sampling of PFAS near Dover Air Force Base, which will include their Tier 1 team collaboration, identifying and treating private drinking water wells, and reconciling federal and State PFAS policies and guidance for addressing PFAS. South Carolina DHEC will discuss its partnering with the U.S. Navy in the State, including risk communication and community outreach associated with off-base sampling for PFAS. A facilitated discussion will follow presentations about addressing PFAS at federal facilities.

Confirmed Speakers:

- Steph Gordon, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
- LeRoy Demarest, Air Force Civil Engineer Center
- Stacey French, South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control

Hazardous Waste Subcommittee: Roundtable Discussion

Materials Management Subcommittee: Roundtable Discussion

Tanks Subcommittee: Roundtable Discussion - How to Manage Fraud and Abuse with ATG Testing (Mandatory Regulators Only)

Moderator: Suzanne Picone (NH), ASTSWMO Emerging Issues Task Force Member

ASTSWMO GIVES BACK RECIPIENT: [Planting to Feed](#)

Their mission is “To provide healthy meals to those that are hungry or that may be suffering from homelessness. By utilizing our gardens, we hope to end the hunger crisis and bridge the hunger gaps.”

Since April 2015, ASTSWMO has been supporting local community non-profits in the cities in which we hold our meetings. Since ASTSWMO began accepting donations, we have raised more than \$13,000 for various organizations working with students, recycling, food waste and species rehabilitation and conservation.

FUTURE MEETINGS