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ASTSWMO Contaminants of Emerging Concern Steering Committee

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In October 2019, the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO) voted to form the ASTSWMO Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CEC) Steering Committee (Committee). CECs are chemical compounds that have recently been discovered in the environment, and meet the following criteria:

1. The chemical compound is a perceived or real threat to human health or the environment; and
2. There is no currently established enforceable federal environmental or health standard or the existing standard is evolving or being re-evaluated.

The ASTSWMO Board of Directors has established this charter to identify the purpose, objectives, membership, and potential activities of the Committee.

Purpose:

To provide a forum for ASTSWMO representatives to discuss Federal, State, and Territorial (State) regulatory, policy, and technical developments, and to recommend research projects and training activities for ASTSWMO Subcommittees, Focus Groups, and Task Forces to execute regarding CECs.

Objectives:

- Educate ASTSWMO membership on Federal and State regulatory and policy developments regarding CECs.
- Address concerns and issues raised by State solid and hazardous waste management and cleanup programs.
- Increase communication and information sharing between State solid and hazardous waste management and cleanup programs regarding CECs.
- Increase communication and collaboration between State and Federal agencies regarding the regulation of CECs under CERCLA, RCRA, and similar State regulations.

Membership:

The Committee will be comprised of State representatives from solid and hazardous waste management and cleanup programs and ASTSWMO staff. The ASTSWMO Board of Directors will appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair. The Chair and Vice-Chair will appoint other State representatives in consultation with ASTSWMO's Executive Committee.

Membership will include:

- Chair and Vice-Chair
- One representative from each of the ASTSWMO Program Subcommittees listed below who are currently active on a Subcommittee or one of its Task Forces or Focus Groups:
 - CERCLA & Brownfields
 - Federal Facilities
 - Hazardous Waste
 - Materials Management
 - Tanks
- Additional representatives from State solid and hazardous waste management and cleanup programs
- ASTSWMO Program Staff

Meetings:

The Committee will meet at least once per quarter by conference call, or more regularly, as determined by the Committee Chair or in response to requests from members. If funding is available, the Committee may meet in person no more than once per calendar year.

Potential Activities:

- Develop ASTSWMO position papers on CECs in general and on specific contaminants (ex., PFAS).
- Develop responses on behalf of ASTSWMO to formal and informal requests for comments on Federal legislation, rulemaking, policy development, and guidance documents regarding CECs.
- Build and strengthen partnerships with:
 - State associations
 - Federal government agencies and workgroups (ex., EPA and DoD PFAS Task Forces)
 - Industry or other private associations
- Recommend and assist ASTSWMO Subcommittees, Task Forces, and Focus Groups in organizing in-person and web-based trainings for ASTSWMO members.
- Recommend and assist ASTSWMO Subcommittees, Task Forces, and Focus Groups in developing and executing projects regarding CECs.
- Maintain and update ASTSWMO's PFAS website and other online resources.