Mid-Atlantic Chapter
Solid Waste Association of North America

SOLID WASTE NEWS
for Waste Professionals
March 7, 2016

Upcoming Events

SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter
Chapter Board Meeting
and Engineering Ethics Training
on
Thursday, March 17, 2016
at
EA Engineering, Science & Technology
225 Schilling Circle, Suite 400
Hunt Valley, MD 21031

Registrations are due
by March 15, 2016

Plan to attend!
ISWA’s World Congress
SWANA’s WASTECON
September 25-27, 2017
Baltimore, MD

SWANA Mission Statement:
“Advancing the practice of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste in North America.”
Legislative Updates

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SWANA
No current advocacy actions.

FEDERAL - EPA
Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015 - December 28 - The President signed the microbead ban, which requires manufacturers to stop using microbeads in their products by July 1, 2017.

Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) - January 19 - The President vetoed SJ Res 22, which would have overturned EPA’s WOTUS rule. The EPA is currently prohibited from enforcing the rule due to the October U.S. Court of Appeals order.

STATE - MARYLAND (MDE)
January 12 - A meeting organized by the Northeast Authority was held with MDE representatives, including Secretary Grumbles. Various topics were discussed, including the Maryland Zero Waste Plan, guidelines on recycling, extended producer responsibility, and anaerobic digestion. MDE will convene work groups to discuss some of the topics and counties are currently reviewing the Zero Waste Plan to determine their priorities.

STATE - MARYLAND (Legislative)
The Legislative Session began on January 13th and will run until April 11th.

Anaerobic Digestion - HB 61 - Would provide MDE with the authority to (1) create regulations to govern the permitting and operation of anaerobic digesters and (2) create regulations to govern the permitting and operation of material recovery facilities.

Community Cleanup and Greening Act of 2016 - HB 31/ SB 57 - Similar to the bag bill that was introduced last year (HB 0551-2015 and SB0621-2015), except that instead of a ban on plastic bags the proposed legislation would prohibit the free distribution of plastic bags. It does not indicate how much should be charged for plastic bags but does require a 10 cent charge for paper bags.

Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority - SB105 - Would change the name of the Authority to be the Maryland Regional Resource Management Authority and would give it authorization to construct, operate, etc. a resource recovery park.

Paint Stewardship Program - SB201 - Would require paint producers or a representative organization to create and submit a plan for a Paint Stewardship Program to MDE by April 2017. The program should provide for the reuse and recycling of paint. Would require retailers and distributors to be involved in the Stewardship Program in order to sell paint.

Montgomery County
Styrofoam drink and food container ban - passed in 2015, effective January 1, 2016.
Food service businesses serving or selling food may not use polystyrene food service products. They must instead use compostable or recyclable food service ware. http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/expanded-polystyrene/

STATE - DELAWARE
General Assembly is in session. No current regulatory or legislative updates.

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SWANA’s Manager of Landfill Operations (MOLO) 3-Day Certification Course
March 15-17, 2016

The SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter is offering SWANA’s Manager of Landfill Operations (MOLO) 3-Day Certification Course, March 15-17, 2016, with the certification exam on March 18, 2016, at the Higher Education and Technology (H.E.A.T.) Center in Aberdeen, Maryland.

This 3-day course consists of presentations by SWANA certified landfill instructors, classroom exercises, case studies, a half-day tour and field exercise at a local landfill.

Upon completion of this course, participants will:

- Understand the issues to be considered when planning, operating and closing a landfill, including landfill economics.
- Learn the basics of landfill site restrictions, how to comply with design requirements, bioreactor landfills, leachate and landfill gas management.
- Know about compliance inspections, basic regulatory standards and the importance of safety and contingency plan.
- Prepare for SWANA’s MOLO certification exam.

If you have questions regarding the MOLO Course, please contact Pete Bieniek at (410) 996-6275 or email pbieniek@ccgov.org.

Seating is limited for this course, so please register early. Additional information regarding the course and registration can be found on the Chapter’s website at the following link: www.swana-midatl.org/Events.htm.
2016 Mid-Atlantic Regional Road-E-O
May 20, 2016

The SWANA Mid Atlantic Regional Road-E-O is scheduled to be held on May 20, 2016 at the Northern Tier Solid Waste Authorities Landfill No. 1, 540 Old Bloss Road, Blossburg, PA 16912. The Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority is looking forward to hosting the Road-E-O with the assistance of Wayne Township Landfill of Clinton County, PA.

If you are interested in competing in the Regional Road-E-O, please complete an application and return it to the address on the form no later than May 1, 2016.

Additional information, as well as the registration form, can be found on the Chapter website at the following link: www.swana-midatl.org/rodeo.htm.

Contestants must be a SWANA member in good standing or someone else in their agency must be a SWANA member in good standing. The number of participants may be limited for each event, so please register early.

First and second place winners will be eligible to compete in the SWANA International Road-E-O Competition, which will be held on September 3, 2016, in Dublin, Georgia. The SWANA International ROAD-E-O is an annual competition that gives 1st and 2nd place State Road-E-O winners from across the United States and North America the opportunity to compete for cash prizes, awards, trophies, and, for the best of the best, the title of “Top Gun.”

Additional information regarding the International Road-E-O can be found at the following link: https://swana.org/Events/ChapterEvents/InternationalRoad-E-O.aspx.

SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter
2016 Scholarships

The SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter is a believer in supporting the higher education goals of today's youth. The Chapter offers college scholarships to eligible students working toward undergraduate or graduate college degrees. In addition, the Chapter will submit the application of the most-qualified, eligible candidate for the Grant H. Flint Scholarship Awards Program administered by SWANA International.

Scholarship Eligibility Criteria, as well as Application Forms with instructions can be found on the Chapter website at the following link: http://www.swana-midatl.org/scholarship_info.htm.

The Chapter is currently looking for an organization to sponsor the highest scoring candidate. The sponsor could be any organization and can suggest a name to be given to the award. The Chapter will accept an annual sponsorship of either $500, $1,000, $1,500 or $2,000.

For additional information on the Mid-Atlantic Chapter's Scholarship Program, or if you have problems downloading any of the documents, please contact Mehal Trivedi at (301) 600-3043 or mtrivedi@frederickcountymd.gov.

Application Deadline is May 2, 2016
Reminders / Wanted

- “Reporters”/writers for our Chapter newsletter.
- Training the Trainers: Contact a Board member if interested in being trained to be a trainer for a SWANA course.
- SWANA Web Sessions: If your organization presents web sessions, make them a Chapter event so that all attendees can get CEU’s. Contact Steve Lippy, Dana Murray or Shirl Wright.
- Job Vacancies in your Organization: Contact swright@nmwda.org for inclusion in our Chapter newsletter and website.
- Articles, information, recent/on-going projects of interest, active purchase orders, etc.: Contact swright@nmwda.org to be placed in our Chapter newsletter.
- Scholarship Sponsors: Contact Steve Lippy or Mehal Trivedi.
- Name(s) of Prospective SWANA Members: Contact either our Chapter Membership Chair, Ashley Evans ashley.evans@arcadis-us.com or direct the prospective member to our Chapter website www.swana-midatl.org or SWANA’s website www.swana.org.
- Newsletter Ads: These are business card size ads only (2” x 3.5”); $100 for 4 issues. Send your ad in a JPG or PDF file to swright@nmwda.org. Please make check payable to: Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA and mail to the attention of Shirl Wright at NMWDA, 100 S. Charles Street, Tower II - Suite 402, Baltimore, MD 21201-2705.
- American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists: If you are an environmental engineer or environmental scientist, you are eligible to become a member or to be certified in solid waste management by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists. See www.swana-midatl.org or www.aaees.org.