

SWANA MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL ROAD-E-O

May 9-10, 2024

Register Now!

The SWANA ROAD-E-O mission is to *provide operators of solid waste collection and landfill equipment an opportunity to showcase their skills*. This is done at a one-day event during which contestants operate various solid waste collection trucks and landfill equipment on different courses in the field and are scored according to their proficiency, with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners recognized. It is an opportunity for operators to not only compete with other operators, but to provide them an opportunity to network with operators in the region from other companies or entities. In addition, first and second place winners will be eligible to attend the SWANA International Road-E-O to be held in the Fall 2024, to compete against and network with contestants from across the US and Canada. The Road-E-O is also an opportunity for employers and management to recognize and acknowledge their best field personnel by promoting the event and allowing them to attend and participate.

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter is the overall sponsor for the Regional Road-E-O, which includes our neighboring chapters to the north: Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The actual event will be hosted by Maryland Environmental Service at its Midshore II Regional Solid Waste Facility located in Ridgely, MD.

Maryland Environmental Service is finalizing its planning of the event. The Thursday evening dinner (May 9th) will be held at the Denton American Legion. On Friday, May 10th, the Midshore II landfill will host equipment, truck, and mechanic competitions as well as a continental breakfast, lunch, and awards ceremony. Event registration will once again be supported by the Keystone Chapter via their website: <https://www.keystoneswana.org/> We expect the registration to open for contestants, volunteers, and attendees to be live by March 22, 2024.

Mark your calendars for **May 9-10, 2024** AND begin to decide to have or to recruit members of your field staff to participate in the contests. The contests at the May event will include the following (assuming a minimum number of three registrants for each category):

- ✓ Heavy landfill equipment
 - Landfill compactor
 - Track dozer
 - Rubber-tired front-end loader
 - Articulated dump truck
- ✓ Trucks
 - Front-end loader
 - Rear-end loader
 - Transfer Trailer
 - Roll-off
- ✓ Mechanic (*new for 2024!*)
 - Landfill

In addition to contestants, we will need volunteers in order to conduct the event:

- To be on-site at the event on May 10, 2024
 - To assist the host Maryland Environmental Service as needed
 - To lay out the courses
 - To judge the contestants on the courses
 - To tally scores (two volunteers already)
 - To be score sheet runners

- To be “gophers”

In addition to contestants and volunteers, we will need sponsors, who will receive various levels of advertising/recognition, depending on the sponsorship levels, which is detailed in a form attached to this newsletter. If you know of any vendor or company who services the solid waste management industry and may be interested in sponsoring the Road-E-O, please contact them. If unwilling or unable to contact them, send their names and contact information to Michelle Minstrell (wasteknowledge@gmail.com).

We will also be preparing swag giveaway bags for the contestants, so any suitable items for field personnel would be appreciated, but are not needed until early May.

For more information or questions on the Road-E-O, or to volunteer, contact Gary Lasako (glasako@menv.com) or Eric Frase (efrase@menv.com).

With the assistance of **all** Mid-Atlantic Chapter members, such as allowing and recruiting your agencies' operators to register and participate, volunteering to serve on the Committee and/or at the event, sponsoring the Road-E-O, contacting potential sponsors (or forwarding their names), donating raffle items or swag giveaways, etc., the SWANA Mid-Atlantic Regional Road-E-O on May 9-10, 2024, can once again be a resounding success.