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Don't Miss It!—Joint NMRC/SWANA Bi-Annual Conference September 26-28, 2016 by Terry Nelson, Nelson Solid Waste Consultant, LLC

Yes, it's that time again for the joint Recycling Coalition / Solid Waste Conference. It's being held at the Marriot Uptown Hotel on September 26-28, 2016. The conference theme this year is "Overcoming Challenges in a New Era." You can register at: recyclenewmexico.com/conference.

The keynote speaker will be Michelle Leonard, a nationally recognized expert in solid waste planning, recycling and zero waste with over 30 years of experience. In addition we will hear from EPA Region 6 Administrator, Ron Curry and New Mexico Environment Department Resource Protection Division Director, Kathryn Roberts. Monday's Recycling Tours will include the Roadrunner Food Bank and Friedman Recycling Plant. Also on Monday, the Solid Waste Tours feature the Wagner/Caterpillar heavy equipment facility and the Bernalillo County East Mountain Transfer Station. There will also be an Organics mini-workshop/tour put on by Jim Brooks of Soilutions. Monday also features a 4-CEU training class offered by NMED Solid Waste Bureau titled "Operation Plans: Escape from the Zombie Binders." It will be a hands-on workshop to assist managers and consultants prepare effective Operations, Contingency, and other required Plans, as well as strategies for implementing the Plans efficiently (8 a.m. – Noon on Monday). Also, on Monday, NMRC will have a 6-CEU training session on National Recycling from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m..

The formal Conference program starts at 8 a.m., Tuesday, September 27 with introductions and keynote speakers followed by the opening of the exhibit/vendor hall at 10 a.m.. Various breakout sessions begin at 11 a.m.. For this year's Conference, each breakout session will be preceded by a brief "Safety Minute," highlighting the importance of safety in a variety of scenarios. *See David Robinson's A Safety Minute on page 3.* Lunch will then be served and additional breakout sessions will continue from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.. Exhibitor/vendor displays and an open bar will be available from 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.. This will be followed by a presentation of Recycling and Solid Waste Awards (from 4:45 – 5:45 p.m.).

Wednesday will continue with breakout sessions, exhibitor hours, and a lunch panel discussion. Wednesday's breakout sessions include Organics Processing, Safety, Tribal and Rural Recycling, Solid Waste Disaster and Disease Response, Managing Landfill Gases, C&D and Clean Fill Sites, Closed Landfill Management, Full Cost Accounting, Illegal Dumping, and additional related topics. The Conference is scheduled to close at about 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday. The full Conference agenda is available via the website link above (and below).

DON'T WAIT! REGISTER NOW!
recyclenewmexico.com/conference

South Central Solid Waste Authority Earns Award for Safety Excellence

by Jerry Kamieniecki, Consultant

On March 17, 2016, the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Occupational Health and Safety Bureau (OHSB) presented the South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA) with the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) award for SCSWA's exemplary injury and illness prevention program. Acceptance of a facility (or Authority) in SHARP from the NM OHSB is an achievement that recognizes an organization among their business peers as a model for worksite safety and health.

SCSWA is the first within the solid waste industry to receive a NM SHARP award. SCSWA employs approximately 60 workers at their facility in Las Cruces, NM. The Authority was established in 1992 and is currently managed by Director Patrick Peck and assisted by Regulatory Compliance Specialist Steve Mauer and Foremen Oscar Barrientos.

SAVE THE DATES!

September 26-28

2016 New Mexico Recycling & Solid Waste Conference

www.recyclenewmexico.com/conference

October 13 • 11 a.m. - 3:p.m.

Regional Roundtable • Socorro

See page 4 for registration page.

November 8 • 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

NM SWANA Officers & Membership Meeting • CABQ Open Space Center
For lunch reservation email

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by Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Friday, Dec. 9 • 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

2016 Annual Meeting and Regional Roundtable • Embassy Suites Hotel
Theme: Household Hazardous Waste

Summary of May 17, 2016 E-Session Training Event

by Jerry Kamieniecki, Consultant

The New Mexico Roadrunner Chapter of SWANA held its first electronic training session of 2016 (E-Session) on May 17, 2016. The host facility for this event was the City of Albuquerque's Open Space Visitor Center. Ten (10) people attended the E-Session, which was titled "Assessing Exiting Post-Closure Care."



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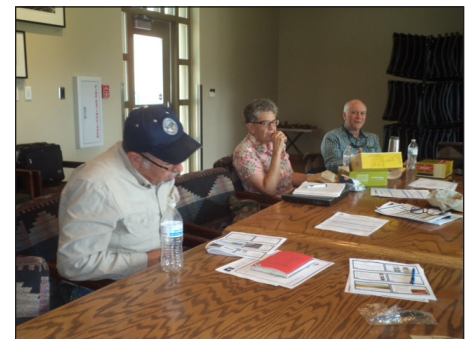
The E-Session featured three environmental professionals (Jon Cleary, PE, Washington Department of Ecology; Eric Mead, PE, PMP, HDR, Inc.; and Hailey Fitterer, EIT, HDR, Inc.) who spoke about efforts to complete post-closure care requirements for the Horsethief Landfill in Washington state (note: the E-Session was originally presented to a SWANA internet audience and recorded on September 2, 2015). The E-Session Training consisted of listening to and viewing the group's presentation, listening to the question and answer session between the presenters and the internet audience, and discussing the presented information further in the Visitor's Center meeting room.

Klickitat County (County), Washington, owns the Horsethief Landfill, a former municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill which has been in post-closure care under the requirement of Chapter 173-304, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) for 20 years. The landfill has been monitored and maintained by the Klickitat County Solid Waste



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Department (KCSWD) who is currently seeking to terminate post-closure care of the landfill and release the property to the Washington State Parks for incorporation into a regional park.



*Robert (Bert) Sanchez, Sandoval County,
Maria Pincus, SCS Engineers, Charles Fiedler,
Gordon Environmental, Inc.*

A lively discussion among the attendees ensued, including sharing information about closed (i.e., no longer operating) landfills in New Mexico, and the regulatory requirements (or approved alternates) that must be completed before a landfill can establish that it is "closed" (after which post-closure care monitoring and maintenance can begin). Attendees at the E-Session were also provided lunch, beverages, and a printed copy of the presentation slides.

A Safety Minute

by Dave Robinson

The Most Enabling Piece of Material on the Planet



It will enable you to see your sons' graduation.
It will enable you to walk down the aisle with your daughter.
It will enable you to grow old with a loved one.
It will enable you to live.

New Mexico SWANA Safety Initiative.

Summary of August 16, 2016

E-Session Training Event

by Jerry Kamieniecki, Consultant

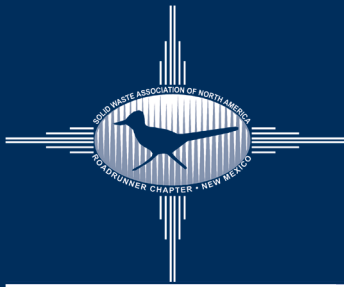
The New Mexico Roadrunner Chapter of SWANA held its second electronic training session of the year on August 16, 2016 at the City of Albuquerque's Open Space Visitor Center. Fourteen (14) people attended the E-Session, which was titled "Ten Things You Should Do To Improve Worker Safety In 2016."

The E-Session featured SWANA Executive Director and CEO David Biderman, who shared his views on maintaining and improving the safety of solid waste workers, especially those responsible for collecting solid waste and recyclables (note: the E-Session was originally presented to a SWANA internet audience and recorded on June 16, 2015).

The E-Session Training consisted of listening to and viewing Mr. Biderman's presentation, listening to the question and answer session between Mr. Biderman and the internet audience, and discussing the presented information further.

Mr. Biderman emphasized the basic training that solid waste workers should have, including the benefit of receiving periodic information updates as new technologies emerge and the industry learns from prior accidents and near-misses. Mr. Biderman acknowledged early on that his professional safety mission was "to provide tools and insight" that could benefit all solid waste employees.

In addition, Mr. Biderman noted that professional associations like SWANA are encouraging workers to "internalize the appropriate behavior" regarding safety, while understanding the benefits and drawbacks to using new technologies (e.g., dashboard cameras, rear and side cameras, collision avoidance systems). Attendees at the E-Session were also provided lunch, beverages, and a printed copy of the presentation slides.



Regional Roundtable Meeting Information & Registration Thursday, October 13, 2016, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. • 4 CEUs

Dr. Clinton Richarson, Professor, New Mexico Tech in Socorro
Topic: Issues and Tips from Reviewing Landfill Permit Applications

Bodega Burger, 606 N. California Street, Socorro, NM 87801
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Name of Attendee:

Employer:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

SWANA Member: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ No, but would like to join

Employment Description: (e.g., facility operator, city manager, inspector, concerned citizen, etc):

Following is a list of Potential Discussion Topics
If you are interested in any of these, please check the corresponding box.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Scrap Tire Management – Innovative Options	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recycling/Diversion Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Research, Development & Demonstration (RD&D) Permits
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory Inspections	<input type="checkbox"/>	Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Submission of Annual Reports
<input type="checkbox"/>	Green Waste/ Composting Operations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Waste Acceptance (e.g., vehicle sump waste, grease-trap waste, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Groundwater Monitoring – Best Practices	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vehicle Maintenance & Fuel Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Relations

What other topics would you like to hear discussed? Please provide your suggestions.

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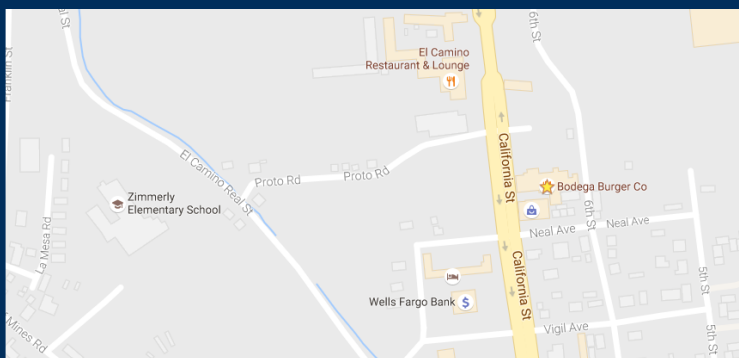
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Please fax a copy of this registration form by
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