

# State Benchmarking Links

## 1. Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO)

<http://www.astswmo.org/>

### Welcome to ASTSWMO.org

The Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO) is an organization supporting the environmental agencies of the States and trust territories. ASTSWMO focuses on the needs of State hazardous waste programs; non-hazardous municipal solid waste and industrial waste programs; sustainability, recycling, waste minimization, and reduction programs; Superfund and State cleanup programs; waste management and cleanup activities at federal facilities; and underground storage tank and leaking underground storage tank programs.

### Overview

ASTSWMO was incorporated in 1974, and has maintained a full time office in Washington, D.C. since 1980. We hold two general membership meetings each year, and a number of specialized roundtables, workshops or conferences for specific program areas of high interest. The Association also provides a steady flow of services and information to our members along program specific lines throughout the year. We work closely with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that our members are aware of the most current developments related to their programs, and to coordinate the work of our State regulators with that of their federal counterparts. The Association also represents the interests of our members in Washington, DC. While no single entity can speak for all State waste programs, the capability of consolidating similar views and ensuring that State managers have the opportunity to speak in unison on important waste management issues assists their ability to influence national decision-making.

ASTSWMO's most important role is to assist States in learning from and working with other State peers. Within the Association it is an axiom that States learn best from other States in matters of program implementation, and ASTSWMO's collective efforts are all focused on making that happen.

Link to various state tanks programs newsletters:

[http://www.astswmo.org/resources\\_statetanksprograms-tanks\\_newsletters.html](http://www.astswmo.org/resources_statetanksprograms-tanks_newsletters.html)

Link to 2008 State Fund Survey (document attached)

[http://www.astswmo.org/publications\\_tanks.htm](http://www.astswmo.org/publications_tanks.htm)

### **Comments:**

State Fund Survey is compiled each year in preparation for the State Funds Workshop. The 2009 workshop is scheduled for September 15-16, 2009 in St. Louis, MO.

Recommended contact regarding the annual workshop is Chuck Williams of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). Chuck has been involved in the Cleanup Fund Administrators workshops since their inception. He is also an exceptional resource regarding the evolution of the first LUST Cleanup Program in Florida. Contact Info: phone: 850-245-8863 email:

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## 2. Government Accountability Office

[www.gao.gov](http://www.gao.gov)

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<http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07152high.pdf>

United States Government Accountability Office [www.gao.gov](http://www.gao.gov)  
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