



Old Dominion Chapter



**News Year's Resolution for SWANA VA Members**  
**Commit to support one of the Virginia Chapter's Committees**

Opportunities abound for members to become involved with the SWANA VA Chapter. We are currently soliciting members to head and assist on committees that support the mission of the Chapter. Below is a list of committee assignments that need leadership from our chapter members.

- ◆ Awards and scholarships
- ◆ Communications
- ◆ Conference Program
- ◆ Legislative
- ◆ Membership
- ◆ Technical Tours
- ◆ Training

The committee assignments take a limited amount of your time which results in benefits including:

- ◆ Networking with established solid waste professionals
- ◆ Working to provide the best training and other valued member services
- ◆ Earning the opportunity to be nominated to the Chapter Board.

For information, contact Steve Geissler at [SBGeissler@vppsa.org](mailto:SBGeissler@vppsa.org).



Mel Paret, outgoing Treasurer of the SWANA VA Chapter & Principal with Public Works Solutions, receives recognition for service from Pete Carrico, President of SWANAVA and VP of SCS

**2015 Technical Tours**

Several technical tours are under consideration for calendar 2015. The list of potential tours is given below. Please let us know which facilities have the most interest to membership so that we can focus on arranging the tours. Send your selections or other recommendations to [Ericatrout@msn.com](mailto:Ericatrout@msn.com).

Broad Run CDD Recyclers Manassas	Fauquier County Solid Waste Complex
Valley Proteins Winchester	McGill Compost Waverly
Gerdau Steel Roanoke	Loudoun County Landfill Mining
Engineered Wetlands ?????	Sunoco Paper Recycling Richmond

# Proposed Universal Waste Rules

**U**niversal waste, sounds a little out of this world, but the VA DEQ has proposed changes to regulations for small and large quantity handlers of mercury-containing devices. Universal waste, a subcategory of hazardous waste, enjoys a decreased level of regulation in handling and management (see 40 CFR Part 273) and is also subject to applicable sections of the VA DEQ's universal waste regulations at 9VAC20-60.

Currently state rules *allow* crushing of these lamps for size reduction; however, the federal universal waste regulations *do not allow* crushing. To obtain EPA approval to administer the universal waste regulations in the state, Virginia made changes to its universal waste regulations for mercury-containing lamps to receive EPA approval for the universal waste program.

The proposal is hosted on the SWANAVA website at: [www.swanava.org](http://www.swanava.org)

The proposal still allows for crushing of bulbs, but places additional monitoring and reporting requirements on entities that crush bulbs. And all bulb crushing must be done indoors.

SWANA VA contacted Leslie Romanchik with DEQ who represents the agency on this proposal on December 29, 2014 to ask if the rules applied to household hazardous waste programs. She stated that these proposed regulations do *not apply* to jurisdictional household hazardous waste (HHW) programs. As many jurisdictional HHW programs are conducted outdoors, application of these regulations to HHW collection and management programs may have resulted in the closure of jurisdictional HHW programs. This proposal will be discussed at the Waste Board meeting on Jan 9.

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**The United Nation's Food and Agricultural Organization** produced an impressive video called **Food Wastage Footprint** (link below).

It states that the amount of food wasted annually in the world equates to 28% of all the food grown in the world.

Take a look.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IoCVRkcaH6Q>

## Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Update

**A representative of the VA DEQ attends the SWANAVA Board meetings to provide update son its activities. Information summarized below was provided by Kathryn Perzyck of the DEQ's Northern Region Office at the Board meeting on December 18.**

**DEQ held a successful meeting of stakeholders on November 3 & 4; comments on the meeting were positive and the agency plans on repeating the meeting.**

**State law requires periodic review of state regulations and their review of solid waste regulations s currently underway.**

**The agency is preparing guidance documents for the following subjects—mechanically-stabilized earthen berms, recycling, and beneficial use determinations.**

**The DEQ is considering combining the annual Solid Waste Information Assessment report with the recycling rate reports to develop a more complete look at all waste in VA.**

**EPA Administrator, Gina McCarthy, signed the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities final rule on December 19, 2014. DEQ will modify state regulations as needed for consistency with the federal rules.**