
Virginia Old Dominion Chapter



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President's Message

By Amarjit S. Riat, PE

The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics tabulates information on many sectors of industry, both public and private. Recently, the Bureau reported that the number of worker fatalities at local governments in the "waste management and remediation services" sector increased dramatically from seven in 2007 to 15 in 2008. Clearly, this trend is not favorable. No employer ever wants to be faced with the tragic news that one of their employees has been killed on the job. Unfortunately that was the case in 15 separate incidents in 2008.

We know there are hazards with our industry. From operating in the dark early morning hours, to working constantly around large vehicles and heavy machinery. Our industry in solid waste management is dangerous. The Bureau also collects information on non-fatal accidents as well, and our industry ranks in the top ten most hazardous.

In trying to continually spread the SWANA SAFETY MESSAGE, we are again offering to our Virginia members a FREE safety seminar on November 5. Information on signing up for the event is enclosed inside. We, on the SWANA VA Board of Directors, want to increase safety awareness among our members. Knowing that 15 people across the United States lost their lives last year in our industry is not acceptable.

I ask that each of you, as you read this, take today to begin being a safer manager, worker or advocate at your place of work. You can do this in many different ways, from attending a safety meeting, to talking about safety in staff sessions, or pointing out safe methods to workers when you see them performing unsafely.

Also consider using the videos developed under grants with OSHA and the NSWMA under www.besafebeproud.com. These videos were developed specifically for the waste workers at landfills, transfer stations and residential waste collection routes.

*Let's Practice
Safety!*



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Regulatory Training Success on October 2, 2009

The Virginia Old Dominion Chapter hosted its annual Regulatory Training Session on October 2, 2009 at the Wyndham Virginia Crossings Resort. Attended by nearly 70 persons, the event highlighted ongoing regulatory activity, featured interesting talks by several well known attorneys, and was hosted this year by Steve Yob of Henrico County.



Left:
Attendees listen
to Jeff Southard



Above: Karen Sismour receives an Appreciation award from SWANA VA President Amarjit Riat. Karen served on the VA SWANA Board for many years as our liaison to DEQ



Right: DEQ Director David Paylor addresses the attendees during the afternoon portion of the training session.

November Safety Training

The Old Dominion Chapter of SWANA cordially invites you to a half day session of presentations and discussions on operational safety. The session is intended for landfill managers, environmental managers, regulatory professionals, professional engineers, and other solid waste professionals. This session provides 4.0 continuing professional education (CPE) hours toward re-certification as a Class I or Class II Solid Waste Management Facility Operator in Virginia and it may also fulfill the continuing education requirements of the Virginia Professional Engineer's license.

November 5, 2009

8:30 am 1:30 pm

Henrico County Operations Center, 10401 Woodman Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060

Session Fee: SWANA Members \$ 0
 (includes lunch) Non Members \$ 30

Register by: **November 5, 2009:** Space is limited, will be filled on a first come basis. Sorry, No Refunds for Cancellations. However, substitutions are allowed.

For more information please contact: Steve Yob (804) 727 8217
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TO CHARGE TRAINING: AmExp Visa MC (Circle One)			
Name on Credit Card			Amount \$
Credit Card Number		Expiration Date	
		Signature	

Please Keep a Copy of the Completed Registration Form for Your Records



**Tentative Agenda
Operational Safety Training
November 5, 2009
Henrico County Operations Building
10401 Woodman Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060**

(804) 727 8770

4 Continuing Education Credits

- 8:00 – 8:30** **Registration, coffee and doughnuts**
- 8:30 – 9:15** **New Truck Safety Requirements, Steve Yob, Division Director**
- 9:15 – 9:30** **Break**
- 9:30 – 10:15** **Safety as a Cultural Norm, Pete Carrico, Vice President, SCS Field Services**
- 10:15 – 11:00** **Safety at the Disposal Facility,**
- 11:00 – 11:45** **Truck Safety, Paul Wade, Fairfax County**
- 11:45 – 12:30** **Lunch**



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SAFETY INCIDENT REVIEW

In September 2006, an adult truck driver employed by a trucking company sustained fatal injuries after being buried by mulch in his trailer at a town solid waste site. At the time of the incident, the victim's tractor trailer was being loaded with mulch. The trailer was equipped with a walking floor unloading system. After the town loader operator deposited one bucket of approximately five cubic yards of mulch into the trailer, he noticed that the trailer door was open and the victim was not in the cab. The operator became concerned and called for help. One town staff member called 911. In the meantime, town workers started digging into the compost pile in the trailer. The temperature of the mulch was approximately 135 degrees Fahrenheit. The police arrived at the site followed by paramedics within minutes after the 911 call was placed. The unconscious victim was uncovered 15 minutes later. The victim was transported to a hospital and subsequently died as a result of the injuries. After the incident, a piece of blue tarp was found in the mulch. It is believed that the victim may have entered the trailer through the trailer door to cover the front section of the walking floor with the tarp to reduce manual sweeping.

New York State Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (NY FACE) investigators concluded that to help prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future, owners of solid waste facilities should:

- **develop and enforce a standard safe loading/unloading procedure for both facility personnel and visiting drivers; and**
- **provide frequent training for all facility personnel on the standard safe loading/unloading procedure.**

In addition, trucking companies should:

- **develop standard safe trailer cleaning procedures and require all drivers to strictly follow the procedures; and**
- **provide frequent employee training to ensure that the truck drivers understand and follow site specific safety procedures while picking up or delivering cargos at solid waste facilities**



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