

Looking Into the Future



What does the future of solid waste and recycling look like? Find out at North Dakota's **11th Annual Solid Waste and Recycling Symposium**. Meet dedicated solid waste and recycling professionals from local and national companies, cities, counties, tribes, education and non-profit organizations. Listen to **great speakers** who will talk about important solid waste and recycling issues. Meet vendors and learn how their **products and services** can help your community, business or organization. Enjoy **entertainment and tours**. Plus, don't forget your **golf clubs** for the annual golf tournament on September 12th!

If you're not up for golf, join us on a **tour of DMI Wind Turbine Plant, Fargo's Landfill, Compost Site and Household Hazardous Waste Facility** on Tuesday afternoon. Cruise the **Red River on a pontoon** late Tuesday afternoon. See the agenda for details on these events and more.

Landfill and transfer station operators are eligible for three education credits for the tours on Tuesday and twelve credits for attending the Wednesday – Thursday sessions through the ND Department of Health. **Those attending the complete event will get 16 credits. Reminder, please bring your continuing education forms with you.** To obtain forms, please contact the Health Department at (701) 328-5166.

Conference Details

- ✓ **September 12 – 14, 2006**
- ✓ **Radisson Inn, Fargo, ND**
- ✓ **\$140 for members; \$200 for non-members*; Exhibitors can call for rates and availability of space.**
- ✓ **All prices include meals.**
- ✓ **Hotel information on page 2**
- ✓ **Golf with dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 12 (\$65)**

Filling out the Registration Form



You can print off a registration form on our Web site at www.ndswra.org. Not sure if you should register as a member or non-member for the conference? To find out if you are a current member of the North Dakota Solid Waste and Recycling Association, check the list on the back of the registration form. The list is also on our Web site. If you are not listed and believe you are a member, call (701) 293-8428 or e-mail

maldrich@minnkota.biz to verify your membership. If you are not a member and want to attend at the member rate, simply fill out the membership application (found on our Web site) and include this amount on the registration form. Mail form(s) with payment to the address listed on the registration form as soon as possible. Those on the membership list do not need to fill out the membership form. Current members can simply complete the registration form and send with payment by August 18. If you are an exhibitor, your booth registration includes a one-year membership and conference admission for up to three employees (you do not have to fill out the membership application). If you are registering after August 18, please fax the registration form to (701) 293-0813 (attention: Mary).

Scholarship Opportunity!

Reminder, if you are a member of the NDSWRA, you or your children can apply for a scholarship to be used towards furthering your education (continuing education, college, classes, etc.). Print off an application from our Web site at www.ndswra.org. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

Conference Agenda

This conference is sponsored by the North Dakota Solid Waste and Recycling Association. It is co-sponsored by the North Dakota Division of Community Services and the North Dakota Department of Health.

Tuesday, September 12

Three landfill operator credits will be given for attending the 2 p.m. tours.

- 12 p.m. **Exhibitor setup begins**, First come – first reserved; all booths must be set up by 9 p.m.
- 1:00 p.m. **Annual Golf Tournament** – Rose Creek Golf Course
Join beginners and “pros” alike in an 18-hole scramble tournament, followed by supper.
- 2:00 p.m. **Tours: DMI Wind Turbine Plant, City of Fargo Landfill, Compost Site and Household Hazardous Waste Facility** (Transportation provided and **sponsored by the City of Fargo.**)
Learn how Integrity keeps as much as they can from heading to the landfill; watch the progress of Fargo’s new transfer station being built and their top-notch compost and household hazardous waste facilities. Be sure to mark the registration form if you plan to attend!
- 5-7 p.m. **Attendee Registration at the Radisson**
- 5:30 p.m. **Cruise the Red River:** Discover the history, geography, and wildlife of the Red River from the decks of the S.S. Ruby during a 45-minute pontoon tour. See the registration form to sign up! (Location: bottom of the Hjemkomst Center parking lot below the 1st Ave. bridge; within walking distance of the hotel.) **Tours will be offered at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. lasting 45 min. Sponsored by Recovery Systems Co. and Sanitation Products.**
- 7:30 p.m. **Social:** Join us for appetizers and discussion in a relaxed atmosphere at the Radisson.

Wednesday, September 13

Eight landfill operator credits will be given for attending Wednesday’s sessions.

- 7:00 a.m. **Attendee Registration, Exhibit Hall Opens, Exhibitor-Sponsored Hot Breakfast**
- 7:45 a.m. **Welcome and Exhibitor Introductions**
- 8:30 a.m. **Opening:** "For the Beauty of the Earth", Dr. Ernest Simmons, Concordia College
- 9:00 a.m. **Alternative Options: Waste to Energy**, Carlyle Sulzer, Great River Energy
- 10:00 a.m. **Vendor Break** – Enjoy networking; silent auction tables open; door prizes
- 10:30 a.m. **Breakout Sessions**
- Solid Waste Track**
What’s Happening to Our Tires? Steve Tillotson, ND Department of Health;
Tire Derived Fuel, Keith Kelly, Big Stone Power Plant; Using Tire Shreds in Roads, Blake Nelson, MN Department of Transportation
- Recycling Track**
Marketing and Managing Plastics, Katie Walker, Trex
Managing plastics can be a bear – learn why it can be worth it to collect and recycle it, where the demand and growth in plastics is coming from and what opportunities it presents to North Dakota.
Regional Recycling: Michael Gerdes, K-Mar Recycling of Karlstad, MN
Learn about the operational and financial aspects of forming and operating a four county recycling facility.
- 12:00 p.m. **Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting**

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Accommodations



A block of rooms is reserved at the Radisson Inn in downtown Fargo (201 5 St. N.). Room rates are \$73.00 plus tax in the block. To reserve your room, call (701) 232-7363 or 1-800-333-3333. A block of rooms is also reserved at the Howard Johnson Inn (301 3 Ave. N., within walking distance). Room rates at the Howard Johnson are \$60.00 plus tax in the block (call 701-232-8850 or 1-800-446-4656). **Please make sure to ask for the "Solid Waste Management Conference" block of rooms to receive the discount rate.** All exhibitor booths, educational sessions, meals and more will take place at the Radisson Inn.

Wednesday, September 13 (continued)

1:00 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**

Solid Waste Track

Creating, Maintaining and Improving Inert Landfills, Lavern Berger, Berger Enterprises
Social and Water Issues, Rod Ambrosie, Wenck Associates
A Look at Transferring Waste, Tom Beauchamp, City of Langdon

Recycling Track

Taking Mercury Out of Our Environment, Sue Mueller, Jamestown Girl Scout Troop Leader
Learn how a dedicated group of Girl Scouts collected and exchanged over 100 mercury thermometers. Get fired up and see how easy it is to host an event in your community!
Battery and Cell Phone Recycling, Cheryl Lofrano-Zaske, Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corp.
Paper Perspective, Rick Moore, Recycling America Alliance

2:45 p.m. **Vendor Break – Ice Cream Social; door prizes**

3:15 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**

Solid Waste Track

Beginning and Overcoming Barriers to Construction & Demolition Recovery, Kent Severson, Clay County Environmental Programs
Creating Quality Compost, Doug Johnson, City of Hutchinson
New Town Bridge Demolition, Mike Kopp, ND Department of Transportation

Recycling Track

Tour Minnkota Recycling's Material Recovery Facility and Pactiv Corporation.
See how recyclables are collected, baled and processed at North Dakota's largest recycling recycling facility. Tour Pactiv Corporation where they make millions of egg cartons per year out of old newspapers! Tour transportation provided and **sponsored by Minnkota Recycling.**

5:00 p.m. **Visit with Vendors and Silent Auction, Social Hour, Cash Bar**

6:00 p.m. **Awards Banquet** (Leadership, Scholarship and Vendor Award)
Entertainment intermingled with Banquet: Fargo Entertainment Co.

Thursday, September 14

Four landfill operator credits will be given for attending Wednesday's sessions. If landfill operators attend all three days, **sixteen credits** will be issued. See page one for details.

8:00 a.m. **Exhibitor-Sponsored Hot Breakfast Buffet**

8:30 a.m. **Plug Into Recycling**, Kim Bartels, Region 8 Environmental Protection Agency
Learn about EPA's latest efforts to increase the recycling of outdated electronic equipment.

9:00 a.m. **Solid Waste Management Issues: Roundtable**

Curious to see what's happening in other parts of the state with regards to waste handling? What about white goods, wood waste, scrap metal? Are other landfills also nearing capacity? Where will future waste be placed? Put on your thinking cap and join us to discuss these topics and more.

10:00 a.m. **Vendor Break – door prizes**

10:30 a.m. **Katrina: Recovery after the Hurricane**, Bruce Fagerholt; Steve Carbone, Salvation Army
Hear stories from these speakers, who experienced the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina first-hand.

12 p.m. **Exhibitor-Sponsored Luncheon and Keynote**

Knew View, Pam Trhlik, Ambassador Program, ND Department of Commerce

Introduction by Joe Murphy, ND Division of Community Services

Did you know that North Dakota is one of only eight states with a growing economy and that regularly rates as the safest in the country? What percentage of the state has high-speed Internet access? You'll learn more about North Dakota in this power-packed hour than you ever knew before.

1:00 p.m. **Closing and Cash Drawings – Must be present to win!**