



The official e-newsletter for the ND Solid Waste and Recycling Association

Conference Agenda Offers Sessions Packed with Information and Fun

Help kick off our annual Solid Waste and Recycling Symposium on September 11th by golfing in our annual tournament in the afternoon, visiting Bismarck's new Household Hazardous Waste Facility (and more) or by attending our social, supper and registration at Sertoma Park in Bismarck. This year's symposium is packed with plenty of educational sessions along with tours, entertainment and our annual silent auction that raises funds for our scholarship award. The registration form, full conference schedule and scholarship application can be found on our Web site at:

www.ndswra.org/2007symposium.htm

We wish to thank those who have already registered/sponsored including:

Conference Co-Sponsors: ND Division of Community Services and the ND Department of Health

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Other Exhibitors: Caron Compactor, Central Fiber Corp., Central States Wire, Concrete, Excel Manufacturing, GreenMan Technologies, Houston Engineering, Interstate Engineering, KVA Engineering, Motter's Custom Grinding, Northern Truck Equipment Corp., Northern Water Works Supply, Recovery Systems Co., Rock-Tenn Co., Sanitation Products, Veolia Environmental Services, Wallwork Truck Center, Wastequip and Waste Management of North Dakota.

Conference Highlights and Reminders

- **When and Where?** Sept. 11-13 in Mandan, ND
- **Location?** Best Western Seven Seas, (800) 597-7327, ask for the ND Solid Waste Conference block to receive our low room rate.
- **Will we be golfing again?** Yes! Tues., Sept. 11th at 1:00 p.m. at Riverwood Golf Course. See our Web site for directions.
- **Will there be another opportunity for the non-golfers?** Yes! Sign-up for the 2 p.m. tours of Bismarck's Landfill, new Household Hazardous Waste Facility and the Mandan Transfer Station.
- **What's new this year?** Join us at Sertoma Park in Bismarck for food, fun and registration on Tuesday night from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- **How much is it?** Attendee rates are \$140 for members and \$200 for non-members. Exhibitor rates are \$375 (includes a booth, three attendees and a one-year membership).
- **What about the great tours, social hour, awards banquet, silent auction and entertainment?** Yes! All of these and more fun awaits you.
- **How do I find out more?** You should have received our special symposium newsletter in the mail recently. This included details about the breakout sessions, board nomination openings, our scholarship opportunity, registration form and more. Be sure to forward this to others who haven't attended in the past, as well as co-workers within your office.
- **Questions?** Contact Angela Boeshans at (701) 650-8857, via e-mail at angela.boeshans@hotmail.com or visit us online at www.ndswra.org. (Side note: Due to the estimated arrival date of their first child, Angela may or may not be at the conference (first time in 10 years!). She is **grateful** to the Board of Directors who will assist in helping the conference and upcoming months for the Association run smoothly.)

Auto recyclers and salvage yards asked to recover mercury from scrap vehicles

August 2007 - Auto recyclers and salvage yards in North Dakota will be invited to participate in the End of Life Vehicle Solutions (ELVS) National Vehicle Mercury Switch Recovery Program. The program is designed to reduce mercury emissions from steel mills by removing mercury-containing switches from scrap vehicles before the vehicles are flattened, shredded, and melted to make new steel.

In cooperation with the North Dakota Department of Health, the End of Life Vehicle Solutions (ELVS) will provide education, collection, and recycling of automotive mercury switches. Participating auto recyclers and salvage yards will receive **free, postage paid** collection buckets, a list of vehicles that contain mercury switches, a removal brochure, instructional DVD, and detailed shipping instructions for the switches. **Those who participate in the recovery program will receive \$1 per mercury light switch.**

Mercury is a toxic metal that was used in light switches and antilock braking systems in some vehicles made before model year 2003. When vehicles are crushed and shredded for recycling, the mercury in vehicles' lighting switches and antilock braking systems (ABS) may be released into the environment. Mercury can collect in the body; it has been linked to various health effects, including damage to the brain and nervous system. Exposure to mercury can cause learning disabilities and impair motor function in children.

ELVS was created as part of the National Vehicle Mercury Switch Recovery Program, a partnership including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Environmental Council of States, associations and individuals representing auto salvage operators and dismantlers, automotive steel and scrap industries, and environmental groups. ELVS's contractor, The Environmental Quality Company (EQ), will handle the transportation and recycling of the buckets. EQ also will provide additional/or replacement buckets as requested at no cost to auto recyclers and salvage yards.

This program will help assure metal shredders and steel mills that the scrap they collect from North Dakota recyclers is clean and will help reduce mercury in the environment. With this program, steel mills hope to reduce or avoid pollution and the need for costly controls.

Please visit the ELVS Web site for additional information: www.elvsolutions.org. You can also contact David Cameron or Adrian Benz of the North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Waste Management at (701) 328-5166.

Summary of Several Grand Forks Landfill Articles

"Grand Forks' trash could be Fargo's treasure", Fargo Forum, Mike Nowatzki, 6/15/07

Grand Forks Mayor Michael Brown asked Fargo Mayor Dennis Walaker to consider accepting Grand Forks' garbage for three years or longer while the city explores its options. Fargo estimates the increased volume would trim 18 months off the Fargo landfill's life expectancy, but could also generate \$2 million annually. City officials in Grand Forks continue to seek a suitable landfill site within the city's extraterritorial area.

"City locates 11 sites for new landfill", Grand Forks Herald, Tu-Uyen Tran, 6/20/07

The city of Grand Forks identified 11 sections to the south of the city recently and will rank the sites to see which could be the best one for their future landfill. Depending on how successful private developers Paul Sproule and John Scott are in their attempt to build a landfill near Inkster, ND (approximately 38 miles northwest of Grand Forks), the city could drop its own plans. However, the city would prefer its own landfill to control the operating costs so that they wouldn't be subjected to rising fees in the future. Currently, there are no homes nearby the 11 sections south of the city, however, the sections are in a designated growth area for the city.

ALERT: Please make sure you have changed our address in your finance system; we have encountered several mail theft cases over the past few months due to checks still being sent to our Fargo address. Please contact Angela if you have sent checks to our old address within the past six months.



Board Member Spotlight

Name and Position: LeahRae Amundson (formerly Wasvick); Public Works Services Coordinator, City of Grand Forks Public Works Dept.; NDSWRA Secretary/Treasurer

Duties: Internal/External Customer Service Coordination

Best Thing about the Job: The opportunity to continually gain knowledge through a variety of projects/duties, and developing administrative/support processes to directly increase our accountability, efficiency, and customer service.

Before this Job: Farming, retail, collections, marketing, and 16 years with the City of Grand Forks - Police Records Division, Water Maintenance, Utility Billing, and now Public Works since 1997.

Grew up in: McVille, ND

Enjoys: Family/kids activities, home improvement projects, lake weekends, playing piano.

