



NDSWRA Newsletter

December 2012

2012 Symposium Update and Summation

The 2012 annual Symposium in Fargo set some new NDSWRA Symposium records and based on the comments received is considered a success: We had:

- 171 registrants of which 146 were in attendance
- 29 exhibitors and 18 sponsors

The conference began with a typical Tuesday afternoon field trip, golf tournament and concluded with a social and dinner.

Wednesday began with a formal welcome to registrants followed by a full day of concurrent sessions. At the Wednesday noon luncheon meeting, Kevin Magstadt (Wenck Associates, Inc. - Mandan), Jennifer Pickett (City of Fargo) and Sheryl Koop (City of Grand Forks) were elected to the NDSWRA Board of Directors. The day was brought to a close with a banquet, silent auction and award presentations. The silent auction was successful in raising \$1,095 for our scholarship fund. Thank you to everyone who brought an auction item, purchased an item or submitted bids on items. NDSWRA annual award winners, announced at the banquet included:

- Greener ND Award – Tracy Lundquist, Department of Health, DWM
- Leadership Award – City of Minot Landfill Staff
- Solid Waste, Landfill and Recycling Award – IHD Solids Management, LLC.
- Scholarships were awarded - See article on page 2 herein
- Best Exhibitor Display – Veolia Environmental Services (Ferid Grutzner, J.D.)

A very special thank you to our co-sponsors including:

- Wenck Associates, Inc.
- the North Dakota Department of Health

Thank you to all of our vendors and exhibitors – you help us with the “show” Thank you, once again, to the Grand Forks “crew” as well as to Mary Aldrich (MinnKota Recycling) for your time, effort and great work on the golf tournament.

Thank you also to our speakers, whose commitment in time allowed us to run concurrent track sessions, including; green/recycling track, which focused on recycling and related environmental issues; a landfill/engineering track, which focused on landfill; design, management, master planning and related issues.

We're already looking for new ideas/topics and speakers for next year's joint ND-SD Symposium, so if you have information you'd like to share or feel other folks in the industry may be interested in, please do not hesitate to contact either our executive director or any NDSWRA Board member and help us make 2013 better than 2012.

Hope to see you in Mandan at the Seven Seas on September 10 – 12, 2013!

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We welcome all members to submit solid waste, recycling, composting and related articles, news releases or photos by e-mail for our next newsletter. If you have topic you're interested in, give us a call and tell us what you'd like to see!



Mayor Walaker of Fargo welcomes NDSWRA symposium registrants



Beginning the tours at the MinnKota Recycling Center in Fargo



Awards banquet

New NDSWRA Board Members/Office Appointments

At the Annual Membership Meeting during the symposium in Fargo, members elected three new members to the Board of Directors and showed their appreciation to our past Secretary/Treasurer, LeahRae Amundson, who completed her second term on the board as well as Brady Brunsvold who served as President in 2010-11 and Tom Beauchamp who completed his three year term.

At the first business meeting following the symposium, Todd Hartleben (Carlson-McCain, Inc.- Bismarck), was appointed Board President, Diana Trussell (Department of Health, DWM - Bismarck) was re-appointed Vice-President and Kim Braun (Braun - Business Solutions – New England), was appointed Secretary/Treasurer. Monthly Board meetings will continue to be conducted via teleconference on the 4th Thursday of each month at 8:15 AM (CT). Please feel free to contact any one of the Board Members if you have any questions about the NDSWRA, have any issues you may wish to discuss or if you'd just like to take part in a monthly board meeting via teleconference. Board member contact information can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Congratulations to the 2012 NDSWRA Scholarship Winners!

There were a total of five scholarship winners at the 2012 symposium in Fargo. Each scholarship recipient received a check in the amount of \$300. Winners included:

Leila Crawford – Submitted by the City of Minot – plans on majoring in history education at Minot State University

Brittany Miller – Submitted by the City of Bismarck

Derek Ness – Submitted by the Dept. of Health, DWM – is studying creative writing and communication at Mankato State

Conner Poppke - Submitted by the Department of Health, DWM – is majoring in psychology at NDSU

Holly Rudnick – Submitted by Wenck Associates, Inc.

California Makes a Ruling on CRT's

Submitted by Steve Tillotson from an article in Waste Recycling News

If recyclers are unable to find an appropriate market for cathode ray tubes in California, they may be sent to a hazardous waste landfill under an [emergency regulation](#) being issued by the [California Department of Toxic Substances Control](#) (DTSC).

CRTs are found in old television sets and computer monitors. They contain lead and other hazardous materials. The market for CRT glass is essentially nonexistent since the rise of flat panel televisions and monitors. In 2011 alone, nearly 100 million pounds of residual CRT glass was generated by recyclers in California that dismantled TVs and monitors, the DTSC said.

Because current laws don't allow for the disposal of the items in the state's landfills, CRT glass is being stored in large quantities, the DTSC said. That led to the emergency regulations, the agency said.

"The requirements currently in place that pertain to CRT disposal were established at a time when there was a robust demand for CRT glass by legitimate recycling facilities," said Karl Palmer, chief of DTSC's Toxics in Products Program, in a statement. "This demand has shrunk to almost zero, leaving recyclers with few options, and increasing the likelihood of mismanagement and the subsequent release of hazardous chemicals, including lead into the environment."

City of Dickinson Completes two year Program with EPA!

City of Dickinson Staff, despite dealing with unprecedented challenges resulting from the energy related activity in the region, has completed a two year program titled "Partnership for Local Action". Dickinson staff being mentored by City of Fargo staff and supported by University Graduate Students has created a plan and implementation schedule to decrease solid waste and reduce disposal costs. Way to go!

Notice - NDSWRA has moved.....please correct your records!

Our new address is: P.O. Box 1071, Bismarck, ND 58502-1071. Our new e-mail address is: ndswra@midco.net
Please make sure you relay this information to your accounts payable folks and all your friends so we can keep every ones records up to date and can "keep in touch". **THANK YOU!**

Have you renewed your NDSWRA membership for 2012-13? The current membership year began on August 1! Please check your membership status and get your dues in before December 31st. Anyone not current on dues by that date will be dropped from our membership roster! We don't want to lose anyone, so please check. Thank-you.

2012 Greener North Dakota Award Winner

Article submitted by Diana Trussell, NDSWRA Vice-President

Congratulations to Tracy Lundquist, this year's recipient of the Greener ND award works in the southeast region of the state and was a key person in making a landfill diversion project of recycled agricultural material (RAM) a reality for the Cargill Corn Milling facility. Tracy inspected many individual farm fields for drainage/runoff concerns as well as reviewed soil analytical data to approve each of the fields to take RAM from the Cargill Corn Milling facility in Wahpeton, ND. During inspections, Tracy allowed Steven Phillips, the local Cargill representative, to ride along. Steve said, "she is always positive and straightforward to work with as well as informative. She has helped the facility whenever they have had questions or concerns." Cargill estimates that they have the potential to divert approximately 6,000 tons of RAM annually from their facility. They want to thank this individual for their dedication to their work and the businesses of the state of North Dakota. Please congratulate Tracy when she visits your facility.



2012 Solid Waste Landfill and Recycling Award Winner

Article submitted by Diana Trussell, NDSWRA Vice-President



Congratulations to IHD Solids Management, LLC, this year's NDSWRA winner. IHD began operations in the mid-1980s. This oilfield special waste landfill started out using un-lined disposal trenches during the 80s and into the mid-90s. During the latter 90s the facility began treating oily waste using the composting method. Due to the oil boom and substantial increases in waste being generated, in 2010 and 2011, the facility obtained a new permit to operate a compositely-lined disposal pit. With the new permit, most of the old area, approximately 25+ acres was cleaned up and closed, and a new area was constructed. A new cell was constructed in late summer/early fall of 2011 and disposal operations began in the new cell in late October 2011.

Throughout the process of obtaining new permits, cleaning up and closing old areas, constructing new disposal cells, the facility had to manage a large increase of waste flows. In the past, the facility managed approximately 20,000 tons per year and now

manages approximately 300,000 tons per year. This increasing waste trend is expected to continue. The facility accepts solidified drill cuttings, contaminated soils, inert waste and non-hazardous industrial waste. Their service area is typically a 70 mile radius, but they have seen waste from as far away as Dickinson.

The upgrades to the facility including investments in new equipment and construction, and the managing of increasing waste flows has been the result of the dedication of Mr. Jon McCreary, Mr. Tim Fleener and Mr. Chris Kreger.

2012 NDSWRA Leadership Award

Articles submitted by Diana Trussell, NDSWRA Vice-President

The City of Minot Landfill Staff is this year's recipient of the Leadership award. The Landfill Staff did a first rate job even though they had to handle a nearly overwhelming amount of waste due to the flooding in and around the Minot area. Prior to the flood, they handled approximately 41 to 69 tons per day of inert waste. After the flood, the inert waste increased to 2,500 tons per day! Total inert waste handled in 2011 was 120,000 tons. Landfill operations were 5 to 5 ½ days a week prior to the flood; after the flood, the landfill was open 7 days a week from sunup to sundown. All of the staff put in many, many hours of overtime and kept things running smoothly at the landfill coordinating with the US Army Corps of Engineers on the Debris removal in the flood zones, coordinating with EPA on pickup and storage of over 200,000 vessels of hazardous waste, hundreds of tons of white good and electrical appliances making sure they were sorted and packaged and disposed of properly. This went on for months. The inert debris still is overwhelming as people are still trying to repair their houses, creating thousands of tons of inert debris coming to the landfill. The staff also coordinated with additional contractors and equipment which was hired to assist with the inert debris and excess temporary levee material which was stockpiled and used at the landfill for cover of inert and MSW. Like many residents of the City, some of the landfill staff was affected by the flood personally, yet they still put in the extra hours and work that needed to be done. Throughout the flood and afterwards during the recovery, the landfill staff worked tirelessly to keep the landfill operations running smoothly and assist in any way they could with flood fighting and flood recovery efforts.



Have a happy and safe Holiday Season from all of us at the NDSWRA!

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Board meetings take place via conference call on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8:15 A.M. If you would like to join us on these conference calls, or would like an issue brought forth at a meeting, please contact one of our board members for details.

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- Lila Marquart, Western Plains Consulting (701) 221-3113
- Dan Jonasson, City of Minot (701) 857-4112
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Mission of NDSWRA:

*To educate, train and
promote environmentally
sound waste management
practices.*



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