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## MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER

## SOLID WASTE NEWS for Waste Professionals

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# SWANA MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL ROAD-E-O

## May 9-10, 2024

The SWANA Mid-Atlantic Regional Road-E-O (May 9-10, 2024) is fast approaching, and the Mid-Atlantic, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey SWANA Chapters are calling on all members of your field staff to participate. The event is being hosted by the Maryland Environmental Service at their Midshore II Landfill, located at 12236 River Road, Ridgely, Maryland 21660. The SWANA Road-E-O mission is to provide operators of solid waste collection and landfill equipment an opportunity to showcase their skills. This is done at a one-day event during which contestants operate various solid waste collection trucks and landfill equipment on different courses in the field and are scored according to their proficiency, with winners recognized. It is an opportunity for operators to not only compete with other operators, but to network with operators in the region from other companies or entities. A Dinner will be held at the Denton America Legion at 6:00 p.m. on May 9, 2024. The competitions will start on May 10, 2024 at 7:30 a.m. with a course walk through.



**Let's support Maryland Environmental Service in order to have another great Road-E-O experience hosted by a Mid-Atlantic Chapter Agency!**

- ✓ Allow and support contestants to attend
- ✓ Volunteer to help or judge
- ✓ Sponsor financially the event
- ✓ Donate SWAG or raffle items
- ✓ Attend and watch as a spectator

## 2023 Road-E-O Competition Award Recipients



### Road-E-O Flyer

### Register Today

The current deadline is **April 30, 2024**

With the assistance of all Mid-Atlantic Chapter members, recruiting your agencies' operators to register and participate, volunteering to assist at the event, sponsoring the Road-E-O, contacting potential sponsors (or forwarding their names), donating raffle items or swag giveaways, etc., the SWANA Mid-Atlantic Regional Road-E-O can be a resounding success.

# SWANA MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL ROAD-E-O

First and second place winners will be eligible to attend the 2024 SWANA International Road-E-O in Dublin, Georgia, with contestants from across the US and Canada. The first and second place winners from the May 2023 Road-E-O hosted by Cecil County were as follows:

## TRACTOR TRAILER

Rank	Score	Name	Employer
1	268	Robert Lee	Northern Tier SWA
2	267	John Rothrock	Wayne Township Landfill

## REAR LOADER

Rank	Score	Name	Employer
1	316	Chris Powers	River Valley Disposal
2	296	Dennis Gatling	Republic Services

## ROLL-OFF

Rank	Score	Name	Employer
1	293	Robert Lee	Northern Tier SWA
2	269	John Gloden	Charles County, MD

## COMPACTOR

Rank	Score	Name	Employer
1	92	Logan Milby	Maryland Environmental Service
2	84	Eddie Thomas	Cecil County, MD-DPW

## DOZER

Rank	Score	Name	Employer
1	97	Dave Swift	Republic Services
2	90	Connor Bauman	Wayne Township Landfill

## ARTICULATED DUMP

Rank	Score	Name	Employer
1	91	Eddie Thomas	Cecil County, MD-DPW
2	89	Logan Milby	Maryland Environmental Service

## WHEEL LOADER

Rank	Score	Name	Employer
1	98	Dave Swift	Republic Services
2	93	David Watts	Wayne Township Landfill

## CHAMPION LANDFILL EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

EQUIP	Score	Name	Employer
Dozer	98	Dave Swift	Republic Services

The 2023 International Road-E-O was held in Denver, Colorado - Congratulations to Logan Milby (Maryland Environmental Service) for placing 1st in the Loader competition, Eddie Thomas (Cecil County, MD) for placing 3rd in the Dozer competition, and Robert Lee (Northern Tier SWA) for placing 3rd in the Roll-off competition.

The Maryland Environmental Service (MES) has been actively planning and preparing their MidShore II Landfill site for this year's Regional Road-E-O (including Mid-Atlantic, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey SWANA Chapters).

- On the evening of Thursday, May 9th a dinner will be held at the Denton American Legion at 6:00 p.m. for all contestants, volunteers, and sponsors.
- On Friday, May 10th, the Midshore II landfill, located in Ridgely, MD, will host equipment, truck, and mechanic competitions as well as a continental breakfast, lunch, and awards ceremony.

Event registration and information is available at:

<https://keystoneswana.wildapricot.org/2024-Mid-Atlantic-Regional-Road-E-O>

For questions regarding registration, contact Chanda Martino (chanda@keystoneswana.org).

The current deadline to register (competitors, volunteers, and guests) is April 30, 2024.

**Please register ASAP!** This is the premiere event to recognize and appreciate the hardworking operators of our profession. If interested in being a volunteer, as many are needed for the courses to run efficiently, please contact Gary Lasako (glasako@menv.com). Sponsorships are also welcomed. For sponsorship opportunities please reach out to Michelle Minstrell (wasteknowledge@gmail.com).

SWAG giveaways (e.g. cloth bags, knives, caps, tee shirts, small tool kits, thumb drives, flashlights, etc.) for the contestants are needed, as well as larger single items suitable for a raffle drawing (e.g. TV, sports tickets, gift cards) at the Thursday dinner. Let Gary Lasako (glasako@menv.com) or Eric Frase (efrase@menv.com) know if you can donate anything.

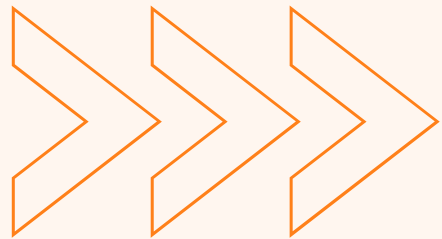
# MRN/SWANA MID-ATLANTIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE – MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024

Mark your calendar for Monday, June 10, 2024, when we head back to Turf Valley Conference Center in Ellicott City for a day of learning, networking and great food at the 2024 MRN/SWANA Mid-Atlantic Annual Conference! This is your chance to get out of the office and into the room with people who get you. Come to get answers, advice, solutions and inspiration from your peers and industry thought leaders. *Register today!*



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# SWANA MID-ATLANTIC CHAPTER - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ON MAY 9, 2024



Your SWANA Mid-Atlantic Chapter Board of Directors meets every two months, usually on the second Thursday, to discuss Chapter activities and matters of business. Please be advised a SWANA Mid-Atlantic Board of Directors Meeting will be held on May 9, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **All SWANA members are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the Chapter Board Meetings!** A lunch (\$10 cost) and Tour of the Midshore II Landfill will follow the meeting.

RSVP to [jonathanmeyers@yahoo.com](mailto:jonathanmeyers@yahoo.com)

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## 2024 CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

**Reminder - The deadline for 2024 Scholarship Applications will be May 1, 2024!**

The Chapter offers college scholarships to eligible students working toward undergraduate or graduate college degrees. In addition, the Chapter will submit the application of the most-qualified, eligible candidate for the Grant H. Flint Scholarship Awards Program administered by SWANA International.

[2024 Chapter Scholarship Information - SWANA: Mid-Atlantic \(swana-midatl.org\)](#)

For questions regarding the Mid-Atlantic Chapter's Scholarship Program, please contact Mehal Trivedi at 301-600-3043 or [mtrivedi@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:mtrivedi@frederickcountymd.gov).



# Legislative and News Update - SWANA Mid-Atlantic

## March 14, 2024

By: *Jacob Shepherd, P.E.*  
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### SWANA Updates

SWANA Submits Comments on EPA's "Meaningful Involvement Policy" and Draft National Strategy for Reducing Food Loss and Waste and Recycling Organics

On January 16, 2024, SWANA submitted comments on the EPA's [Meaningful Involvement Policy](#), which is EPA's policy for public participation during development of EPA policymaking and decision-making. SWANA is in support of the policy and its involvement of industry organizations such as SWANA, but commented on the timing for public comment periods and areas that may benefit from additional clarity.

On February 2, 2024, SWANA submitted comments on the EPA's [Draft National Strategy for Reducing Food Loss and Waste and Recycling Organics](#). SWANA expressed support for the draft, and that EPA should collaborate with SWANA prior to finalization, since SWANA includes a wide range of professionals involved in the industry.

Contact [Kristyn Oldendorf](#), SWANA's Director of Public Policy, for more information.

SWANA Submits Joint Comments with NWRA to the EPA on the Draft Revisions to AP-42 Emission Factors for Landfills

On March 12, 2024, SWANA and the National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA) submitted joint comments on the EPA's proposed updates to AP-42 Section 2.4. AP-42 is EPA's compendium of emission factors used for calculating emissions from various air emission sources. Emission factors for landfills are published under Section 2.4, which has not been updated since 1998. Regulatory agencies often require the use of AP-42 emission factors for landfills unless site-specific data is available. AP-42 is also typically used for landfill gas and methane emission modeling, which has become an important topic within our Chapter. Due to the complexity of landfills, useful site-specific data can be very difficult if not impossible to obtain, and AP-42 remains the best method for calculation of emissions despite the data being generic and often not representative of actual conditions.

***SWANA/NWRA's comments generally address clarifications with definitions, requests additional information related to landfill gas modeling, flare and LFG-fired engine emission factors, and other clarifications.***

### Legislative Updates

#### **Federal**

No updates.

#### **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

EPA Proposes Stronger Air Pollution Standards for Large Municipal Waste Combustors

*[from Waste Advantage]* On January 23, 2024, the EPA published a proposed [rule](#) in the Federal Register that would revise emission limits for large municipal waste combustors reflecting changes in emission control practices implemented at facilities across the country. The revisions are in response to a request from a "petitioner" who requested EPA review the regulations in light of their requirement to review the regulations every 5 years. Comments are being accepted until March 25, 2024.

The proposed standards would apply to 57 facilities with 152 units that have the capacity to combust more than 250 tons per day of municipal solid waste and addresses the White House's push for environmental justice. The proposed standards are based on emission levels achieved by the best controlled and lower-emitting sources, and limit emissions of nine pollutants: particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, hydrogen chloride, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, lead, cadmium, mercury, and dioxins/furans.

EPA Releases PFAS Air Emissions Test Method Ahead of Disposal Guide

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EPA [has released a new test method](#) (Other Test Method 50, OTM 50) to measure volatile, nonpolar fluorinated compounds, such as PFAS, in air emissions, including compounds that are products of incomplete combustion or incomplete destruction, a method that the EPA feels could help implement its pending update to EPA's PFAS destruction and disposal guidance. While the agency has not officially promulgated the draft method, it says it is releasing the method to promote consistency with what it believes is the current best practices to sample and analyze the target volatile fluorinated compounds (VFCs) from stationary sources.

EPA notes that its posting of OTM-50 on its Air Emission Measurement Center (EMC) website that the EPA has not endorsed the validity of the test method or garnered regulatory approval. However, regulatory agencies are looking at requiring testing for PFAS from air emission sources. For example, Pennsylvania has recently sought to include these requirements in new Title V permits based on OTM- 45, but has been unsuccessful.

## Maryland Legislative/News

The 446th legislative session convened on January 10, 2024 and will adjourn on April 8, 2024. Bills related to solid waste and recycling are included below. Summaries below are partially based on summaries

[HB0001](#) – Paint Stewardship

[HB080/SB0686](#) – Covered Electronic Devices Recycling Program – This bill revises Maryland's existing Statewide Electronics Recycling Program (SERP) (enacted in 2005, amended in 2007), by enacting a system for reuse, refurbishment and recycling of covered electronic devices (CEDs) by incorporating consumer fees/advanced recovery fees. The bill has both House and Senate sponsors.

[HB0163/SB0056](#) – Food Waste and Solid Waste Reduction – Establishes an On-Farm Organic Diversion and Composting Grant Program to award grants to eligible entities to assist with the costs of developing and implementing on-farm composting and compost use, food waste prevention, and food rescue projects, in an effort to reduce food waste from agricultural and service facilities. Additionally, it would require MDE to use funds from the Reduce, Recycle, Remanufacture Fund to support the Grant Program to Reduce and Compost School Waste. Would be funded by a statewide solid waste disposal surcharge.

[HB168](#) – Plastic Products – Postconsumer Recycling Content Program – This bill establishes minimum post-consumer recycled content percentage requirements for certain products. This is an updated version of the legislation drafted in 2023.

[HB173](#) – State Buildings and State Highways – Collection of Yard Waste – This bill requires the collection of yard waste on the grounds of a State building or a State highway in a container that will not be discarded with the yard waste or in one that is compostable.

[HB0468/SB0532](#) – Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland – Establishes a commission for lithium battery safety that will make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by 12/1/2025.

[HB0735/SB0642](#) – Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program – Establishes a beverage container refund and requires distributors/sellers of the containers to pay a fee and be a part of a stewardship organization.

[HB0166/SB0146](#) – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Eligible Sources – Alterations – Seeks to remove waste-to-energy (WTE) from the renewable energy portfolio.

[HB1318](#) – Solid Waste Disposal Surcharge and Food Waste Reduction/Diversion – Establishes an on- farm organics diversion and recycling grant program funded by a solid waste surcharge.

[HB1355](#) – Mattress Stewardship Program – Prohibits disposal or incineration of mattresses and establishes a mattress stewardship program.

## Delaware Legislative/News

The 152nd legislative session convened on January 10, 2024 and adjourn on June 30, 2024. No updates.

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## District of Columbia Legislative/News

*No legislative updates.*

D.C. Updates Zero Waste Strategy – D.C. has finalized a long-anticipated [zero waste plan](#) meant to help the city achieve an 80% diversion rate, with an extension of the target year from 2032 to 2040. The plan includes 43 potential actions across 7 goals, including reducing per-capita waste generation by 15%, prioritizing reuse over single-use items, increasing recycling and composting participation and accessibility, and envisioning a MRF campus. *[from [Waste Dive](#)]*

## News Updates

[RNG Industry Expects Voluntary Agreements, New Credits to Spur Growth in 2024](#) – Waste Dive – January 22, 2024

[DOD Taps PFAS Remediation Companies, including Clean Earth, for Mitigation Research Project](#) – Waste Dive – January 23, 2024

[West Virginia Governor Announces Approval of Nearly \\$2 Million in Recycling Assistance Grants](#) – Waste Advantage – January 23, 2024

[Zero-Waste Advocates See Opportunity in EPA's \\$4.6B GHG Reduction Grants](#) – Waste Dive – January 25, 2024

[New report highlights potential for RNG to displace natural gas demand](#) – Waste Today – February 1, 2024

[SWEEP Certifies its 1st Industry Service Provider](#) – Waste Advantage – February 15, 2024

[A New Watchdog Satellite Will Sniff Out Methane Emissions from Space](#) – Washington Post – March 4, 2024

# Reminders / Wanted

- ◆ Reporters/writers for our Chapter newsletter.
- ◆ Important Websites to Remember: [www.swana.org](http://www.swana.org), [www.swana-midatl.org](http://www.swana-midatl.org) and [www.mdrecycles.org](http://www.mdrecycles.org).
- ◆ Training the Trainers: Contact a Board member if interested in being trained to be a trainer for a SWANA course.
- ◆ SWANA Web Sessions: If your organization presents web sessions, make them a Chapter event so that all attendees can get CEU's. Contact Steve Lippy, Dana Blumberg or Shirl Wright.
- ◆ Job Vacancies in your Organization: Contact [swright@nmwda.org](mailto:swright@nmwda.org) for inclusion in our Chapter newsletter and website.
- ◆ Articles, information, recent/on-going projects of interest, active purchase orders, etc.: Contact [swright@nmwda.org](mailto:swright@nmwda.org) to be placed in our Chapter newsletter.
- ◆ Scholarship Sponsors: The Chapter is currently looking for an organization to sponsor the highest scoring candidate. The sponsor could be any organization and can suggest a name to be given to the award. The Chapter will accept an annual sponsorship of either \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500 or \$2,000. Please contact Steve Lippy or Mehal Trivedi.
- ◆ Name(s) of Prospective SWANA Members: Contact either our Chapter Membership Chair, Deji Fawole [dfawole@scsengineers.com](mailto:dfawole@scsengineers.com) or direct the prospective member to our Chapter website [www.swana-midatl.org](http://www.swana-midatl.org) or SWANA's website [www.swana.org](http://www.swana.org).
- ◆ Newsletter Ads: These are business card size ads only (2"x 3.5"); \$100 for 4 issues. Send your ad in a JPG or PDF file to [swright@nmwda.org](mailto:swright@nmwda.org). Please make check payable to: **Mid-Atlantic Chapter of SWANA** and mail to the attention of Shirl Wright at NE MD Waste Disposal Authority, 100 S. Charles Street, Tower II - Suite 402, Baltimore, MD 21201-2705.
- ◆ American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists: If you are an environmental engineer or environmental scientist, you are eligible to become a member or to be certified in solid waste management by the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists. See [www.swana-midatl.org](http://www.swana-midatl.org) or [www.aees.org](http://www.aees.org).



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## SWANA Guiding Principle:

*"Local government is responsible for municipal solid waste management, but not necessarily the ownership and/or operation of municipal solid waste management systems."*

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