Update on Recent Activities

Southern New England Chapter
Annual Meeting
December 18, 2019
SWANA’s membership continues to grow, reaching 10,862 on December 1, 2019.
SWANA received Waste Dive’s 2019 “Organization of the Year” award - given to company/association/agency with biggest impact on the solid waste and recycling sector over the past year.

Organization of the Year: SWANA
The association's profile continues to rise on recycling, safety and international issues. Sweeping structural changes and growing membership position it for more to come.
SWANApalooza

March 23–26, 2020
The Westin Peachtree Plaza
Atlanta, Georgia

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#SWANApalooza
• Keynotes and educational focus on PFAS and Recycling
• Atlanta Mayor, Ga Governor & OSHA invited
• EPA & Jenna Jambeck have confirmed – she is a global marine litter expert
• Mini-Safety Summit
• Great tours (LF, Pratt MRF, CHARM)
• Ga Chapter hosting fun event at Ponce Mkt
We continue to become more active on PFAS:

• Wiki page will be published in early 2020
  – Will contain links to articles/studies/data
  – Expectation is it will be updated regularly

• Signed onto multi-industry Fact Sheet
  – Distinguishes WWTF & LFs as “receivers” of PFAS
  – Focus on sound science and need for “measured” response

• Collaborating with other Stakeholders
  – EPA expected to issue MCL by early January
SWANA has continued its high profile leadership role re recycling issues

- Helped EPA plan last month’s ARD Summit and Innovation Fair
  - New national “Framework” for recycling
  - [https://www.epa.gov/americarecycles/framework-advancing-us-recycling-system](https://www.epa.gov/americarecycles/framework-advancing-us-recycling-system)
- Lots of meetings on Capitol Hill re legislation providing $$$ to local govt’s
- Frequently sought out by national media, other associations and trade press
EPA’s National Framework to Advance Recycling

1. Promoting Education and Outreach
2. Enhancing Materials Mgmt Infrastructure
4. Enhancing Measurement
Lots of Congressional Interest in Recycling

1. RECOVER Act – SWANA supports - $100M/year
2. RECYCLE Act – SWANA supports - $10M/year
3. Save Our Seas 2.0 – SWANA supports - $55M/year
4. Plastic Waste bill – EPR, Bottle Bill, plastic bag ban, bag fee, minimum recycled content requirements
New in 2019:

• Hauler Safety Outreach
• SWANA Safety Pledge
• OSHA Alliance
• Collaborating on Fire Risks - Lithium Ion Batteries
• Slow Down to Get Around

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Why Safety?
SWANA received a State Dep’t grant to provide landfill training and capacity building

- Gap Analysis (US/Colombia) based on site visits and review of regs
- Study Tour in Georgia – Nov 2019
  - Included 3 Chilean reps
- June 2020 SWANA Training Center in Colombia
  - Expect future training events & opportunities in LATAM
Questions?

Thank you!

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