



TCEQ Continues to Streamline Processes

by Jeffery Reed

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is continually looking for ways to operate more efficiently. In the last few months, the agency has taken several steps to further that commitment.

First, TCEQ has issued two new guidance documents. The first, *Requirements for Registration of a Transfer Station with a Materials Recovery Operation* (RG-605), provides applicants with a simple description of the process and requirements for authorizing a transfer station through a registration rather than a permit. Obtaining a permit is generally a much longer and more expensive process for authorizing a facility than is a registration; however, there are only a handful of ways that a facility can qualify for the registration process. One such was is

to include a materials recovery operation that meets certain requirements. This five-page guidance document explains what an applicant needs to include in its application to show that its material recovery program qualifies for the facility for a registration.

The second new guidance document, *Types of Waste That May Be Accepted by Municipal Solid Waste Landfills in Texas* (RG-606), summarizes the types of waste that municipal solid waste landfills in Texas may accept. Although this guidance documents does not supersede the TCEQ's rules or the facility's permit, it does offer guidance to help fill in the gaps where the rules or permit requirements might not be clear. The guidance document also takes the important step of stating explicitly the (Continued on page 4)

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Message from the President

by Jeff Mayfield

Hello fellow TxSWANA members!

I hope each of you are having a great summer and taking the opportunity for some time away to refresh and recharge. Your Board of Directors are preparing for the Annual Meeting scheduled for 10:30 am Friday August 12 at the City of University Park located near downtown Dallas. All TxSWANA members are welcome and at the meeting we will be considering the election results which sets the officers and private sector directors effective September 1. Immediately following the annual meeting will be the monthly board of director meeting.

This is my last newsletter message as President and as I reflect on the past year, I am thankful for the support of my fellow Board Directors and membership in general.

We had a successful return to hosting our annual Road-e-o and annual conference and these events leave the chapter financially healthy. Our membership grew slightly over the past fiscal year and we now have approximately 535 members making TxSWANA one of the largest chapters in the organization.

Many of our members are nationally recognized experts in their field and I am proud that this past year our chapter provided a Texas-sized number of members to leadership roles on SWANA's governing board and technical divisions including:

SWANA Board of Directors

Brenda Haney – President, SWANA Board of Directors

Amy Banister – Technical Division Director

Sonia Samir – Young Professional Director

Technical Divisions Leadership

Amy Banister – Landfill Gas & Biogas Technical Division

Catelyn Scholwinski - Sustainable Materials Management Technical Division Director

Maia Corbitt – Sustainable Materials Management Technical Division Committee Chair

Tiana Lightfoot-Svendsen – Communication, Education and Marketing Technical Division

Sonia Samir and Wes Glakas – Young Professional Steering Committee

I am so appreciative of their willingness to share their time and talent with the national organization to the betterment of the solid waste industry.

For upcoming events, TxSWANA is hosting SWANA's International Road-e-o October 14-15, 2022 in El Paso. WASTECON 2022 will be December 5-8, 2022 in San Diego and the TxSWANA 2023 annual conference will be held in Corpus Christi June 12-14, 2023 with the Omni Hotel as the host hotel and nearby AmericanBank Center hosting the exhibit hall and technical sessions. We are still working on the date and location of the 2023 Road-e-o and more information will be forthcoming as details are finalized.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President and thank you to our Board of Directors for their support and guidance. Stay safe and have a great rest of summer!

Jeff Mayfield



(Continued from page 1) TCEQ's prior understanding that a landfill may choose not to accept some types of waste even if the waste is allowable under the facility's permit. The three-page guidance document includes citations to rules and other guidance documents to help facilities make determinations in specific cases.

The TCEQ has also revised several of its forms to make use of the forms easier and more efficient. The forms that were revised include the Part I form (TCEQ-00650), which is required for any application, including the form's instructions and the application form for a modification or temporary authorization (TCEQ-20650), including the form's instructions.

Finally, the TCEQ conducted a survey of all individuals with MSW licenses from July 1,

2022 through July 15, 2022. The TCEQ's express purpose for the survey was to "collect information regarding the importance and frequency of tasks that licensed MSW facility operators in Texas perform." The TCEQ is evaluating what changes may be needed to MSW training requirements and licensing exams, and hopes that the results of the survey will help inform that evaluation. To encourage individuals to participate in the survey, the TCEQ offered CE credits to MSW A and B operators that complete the survey.

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2022 SWANA ROAD-E-O



El Paso, Texas

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Oct. 14-15, 2022



Assistant City Attorney IV - Environmental Law Attorney

Job Summary

Under general direction, provides legal services and assists with litigation on behalf of the City of San Antonio. This position will provide regulatory defense and liability consultation; conducts state and federal environmental permits negotiations; crafts professional and environmental consulting and construction contracts; advises on and prepares regulatory and enabling ordinances; reviews proposed changes to legislation and regulations for impacts to the City; interfaces with the San Antonio Water System and CPS Energy on environmental issues and regulations; interfaces with Federal, State and local agencies concerning environmental matters affecting the City; supports the Metropolitan Health District in regulatory matters concerning the TCEQ and DSHS; serves all City departments concerning environmental matters, particularly the Office of Sustainability; Public Works Department, Environmental Management Division; and the Solid Waste Management Department; monitors outside legal counsel. Working conditions are primarily in an office environment. May assist with the supervision of a division in the Legal Department.

This position is an "unclassified" position and has no disciplinary appeal rights to the Municipal Civil Service Commission. This position is likewise subject to at-will employment status and can be terminated at any time for any reason.

This advertisement will be used to fill one of the following Assistant City Attorney positions:

Assistant City Attorney III: starting salary \$97,064.50 annually

Assistant City Attorney IV: starting salary \$101,917.73 annually

Essential Job Functions

- Address legal issues related to municipal and environmental law.
- Provides legal advice on issues related to municipal and environmental law.
- Monitors legislative regulatory, court, and industry activities to develop responsive legal and policy positions.
- Assists in briefing, making presentations or preparing reports to City officials and City staff.
- Advises City staff and elected and appointed City Officials in various areas of municipal law.
- Negotiates, drafts, and reviews contracts, real estate documents, and agreements.
- Drafts legislation, code provisions, regulations, ordinances, amendments, resolutions, and guidelines or policies.
- Attends public meetings of City Council, boards and commissions and advises and addresses members in executive sessions or public presentations.
- Advocates and provides support to litigation attorneys and outside counsel on behalf of the City in a wide variety of settings, including negotiations, dispute resolutions, mediations, trials, hearings, and administrative processes, to resolve disputes or legal actions.
- Timely and appropriately responds to inquiries from the general public and media about public information and



Assistant City Attorney IV - Environmental Law Attorney (continued)

municipal regulations and procedures.

- Performs other related duties and fulfills responsibilities as required.

JOB REQUIREMENTS: ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY III:

L.L.B. or J.D. Degree from an accredited school of law.

Ten (10) years of increasingly responsible experience as a practicing Attorney.

Years of full-time municipal law experience may be substituted two (2) for one (1), up to a maximum of four years credit.

Licensed and in good standing to practice law in the State of Texas.

No substitution for education allowed.

Valid Class 'C' Texas Driver's License.

JOB REQUIREMENTS: ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY IV:

L.L.B. or J.D. Degree from an accredited school of law.

Fifteen (15) years of increasingly responsible experience as a practicing Attorney.

Years of full-time municipal law experience may be substituted two (2) for one (1), up to a maximum of four years credit.

Licensed and in good standing to practice law in the State of Texas.

No substitution for education allowed.

Valid Class 'C' Texas Driver's License.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Strong working knowledge of and experience with municipal and environmental law.

Knowledge of and experience in general municipal laws such as, The Texas Public Information Act, The Texas Open Meetings Act, and Municipal Procurement Laws.

Ability to draft, negotiate, and interpret contracts.

Knowledge of and ability to research and interpret municipal, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Knowledge of Civil and Criminal Law.

Skill in researching and analyzing legal problems.

Ability to communicate clearly and effectively.

Ability to strategize and maintain effective relationships with other attorneys and City staff.

Ability to supervise and train.

SWANA-TEXAS LONE STAR CHAPTER NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

In accordance with Article VII of the Bylaws of the Texas Lone Star Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America, an election of Directors and Officers will take place during the **Chapter's Annual Business Meeting on August 12, 2022 at 4420 Worcola Street, Dallas, Texas.** Members in good standing may vote in person at the Annual Business Meeting, or by absentee ballot. **In accordance with the Bylaws, Article 7.5, "A valid ballot will include a member's identification number."** Members who are unable to locate their SWANA member number may obtain their member number by emailing a request for same to the TXSWANA Secretary at Secretary@txswana.org. All ballots must be received not later than Aug. 2, 2022, which is 10 days before the date of the Annual Business Meeting. Ballots may be submitted electronically to Secretary@txswana.org or ballots may be sent by US mail to the address listed at the bottom of this ballot.

The Nominating Committee has recommended the following Slate of Officers for 2022-2023, beginning September 1, 2022 and ending August 31, 2023. The Nominating Committee has recommended the following Directors for 2022-2024, beginning September 1, 2022 and ending August 31, 2024. Questions concerning this election, including write in votes, should be directed to Tiana Svendsen at (214) 235-5351.

SWANA-TEXAS LONE STAR CHAPTER NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS, FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 AND FOR DIRECTORS, FISCAL YEAR 2022-2024

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Director: Robert H. "Holly" Holder, P. E. Parkhill	Director: Scott Pasternak Burns and McDonnell			

SWANA – TEXAS LONE STAR CHAPTER ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR 2022-2024 ELECTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

**VOTE FOR RECOMMENDED SLATE OF OFFICERS
AND DIRECTORS** ☐ **(CHECK BOX)**
MEMBER NAME _____

MEMBER NUMBER: _____

CITY/COMPANY: _____

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AUSTIN RESOURCE RECOVERY WINS **SILVER ANVIL AWARD**

The Public Relations Society of America has awarded Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) the Silver Anvil for Most Effective Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Campaign. The Anvil Awards ceremony was held on May 19 in New York City. The award is in recognition of ARR's curbside compost community outreach and marketing.

In February 2021, [Austin Resource Recovery \(ARR\)](#), the City of Austin department who handles solid waste collection and zero waste initiatives, completed the fourth and final expansion of its [curbside composting collection program](#). Approximately 55,000 Austin households received green carts for their food scraps, food-soiled paper and yard trimmings, bringing the total number of households with this service to 210,000.

ARR announced the final roll out in December of 2020 and began a year-long marketing and community outreach campaign. The goal of the campaign was to inform residents and encourage participation.

Background

In 2015 ARR completed a material composition study of curbside trash collected in Austin. It showed that 46% of what was sent to landfills was compostable. Keeping those materials out of the landfill will help extend its use, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create nutrient-rich compost for crops, lawns, gardens and other outdoor areas.

ARR conducted curbside compost audits in 2017, 2018 and 2019 to gather contamination rates and other data. Contamination is the presence of non-compostable materials that do not belong in the stream. This includes trash and recyclable materials. The 2019 audit took place after the completion of the third phase of curbside compost roll out. It included a random sampling of Austin households serviced by ARR and found an overall contamination rate of 2.8%.

Marketing and Outreach Planning

ARR informed and encouraged participation of those new to the service. They also worked to reeducate households in communities that had a lower participation rate and may not have been effectively engaged in previous years. ARR placed radio, television, outdoor, direct mail, social media and digital ads. They also launched a robust community engagement effort.

Marketing and outreach plans were nimble and responsive to changing COVID-19 restrictions. Local health guidance limited ARR's ability to engage residents face-to-face for the majority of 2021. When guidance changed, ARR pivoted to take advantage of newly presented opportunities.

Results

Marketing and community outreach were highly (Continued on page 11)



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A decrease in contamination from 2.8% to 1.25%.

A 38% increase in the amount of diverted material.

An increase in pounds of curbside compost collected per household per week from 9.05 to 10.43

The Award

The Most Effective ESG Campaign Silver Anvil recognizes an organization that has had a positive impact, delivering environmental and social benefits to stakeholders. This year's short list included ARR, Krispy Kreme, Bospar, Pepsi, and IBM.

ARR Director Ken Snipes commented, "Our team adapted their outreach and marketing efforts during COVID to keep everyone safe. They found creative solutions to continue providing the vital information and services Austin residents expect from ARR. I am proud of our team and the work we do to preserve Austin's resources for people and planet."

Silver Anvil Awards have existed for over 75 years and are considered the benchmark of high performance in public relations. Silver Anvil Awards celebrate the best strategic public relations campaigns of the year, as well as outstanding organizational excellence.



EL PASO, TEXAS

OCTOBER 14-15, 2022



The SWANA International Road-E-O is a highly anticipated annual competition for top truck driving, equipment operating, and mechanical honors between representatives of solid waste management organizations, private and public waste sector companies, and other organizations.

Winners of city SWANA Road-E-Os all over the nation meet at this competition to go head-to-head and settle one question:

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HOTEL INFORMATION

A special Road-E-O registration room rate of \$151.00 is available for the dates of October 13-15, 2022 at the Embassy Suites. Reservations are open now – call to reserve your room and provide the group code (G-SWA2) or follow the link below to receive the special rate.

Embassy Suites by Hilton El Paso – 6100 Gateway Blvd E., El Paso, Texas 79905

Reservation Line: (915) 779-6222

Reservation Link: <https://group.embassysuites.com/4hetzb>

**2022 TXSWANA
Jack C. Carmichael, P.E.
Scholarship Recipients**

***During a recent TxSWANA Board of Directors meeting, the TxSWANA Scholarship committee recommended, and the TxSWANA Board of Directors approved the following individuals for Scholarships.
Congratulations to each !!!***



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Kayla McHale
Sponsor-Richard McHale



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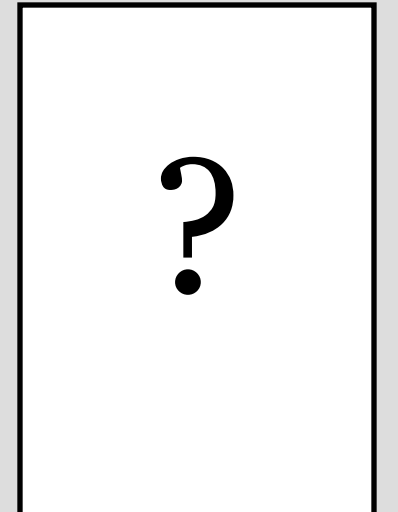
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Summer Safety Tips for Workers



by David P. Vartian

S.M.A.R.T. Committee Chair and Chapter Safety Ambassador



The hot days of summer are here. Jobs that take employees outside definitely have their appeal, especially to the office-based cubicle crowd. But people whose line of work requires them to be outdoors in the hot summer months — from collection drivers and helpers to equipment operators — face unique health hazards. In the summer, safety managers must consider not only occupational hazards but also environmental ones such as extreme heat and humidity, insects, and bright light and glare, which pose additional risks to the health and safety of workers' eyes.

Protect Your Vision

Most of us have heard the warnings about the relationship between sun and UV light exposure and skin cancer. You protect your skin from sunburn and your body from injury, so why not your eyes? Eye protection should ramp up in summer when outdoor workers are exposed to more hazards. UV radiation can harm the eyes, and other components of solar radiation also can impact vision. There are three types of UV radiation. UV-C is absorbed by the ozone layer and does not present any threat. However, UV-A and UV-B radiation can have long- and short-term negative effects on the eyes and vision. The longer the eyes are exposed to solar radiation, the greater the risk of developing cataracts or macular degeneration later in life. Wearing UV protection sunglasses can help shield your eyes from overexposure to ultraviolet light, which is associated with development of cataracts, macular de-

generation, and sunburned eyes. Effective “shades” don't have to be expensive: Any sunglasses that provide 95% to 100% UV protection offer protection. Employees who spend any time outside should be outfitted with eyewear that blocks UV. Visibly bright sunlight also presents hazards, and overexposure can result in headaches as well as eye fatigue, redness, dryness, and irritation. To combat natural light hazards, eyewear with standard gray, brown or mirrored lens tints offer suitable protection and may be selected based on user preference.

Heat Illness Prevention

Heat-related illness are real risks in the summer months, especially when there is waste to be collected. If an employee is working in the heat, the employer should provide plenty of water, and breaks to drink it. During the first few days of working in heat, the body needs time to adjust. This period of adjustment (acclimatization) varies by individual and can take up to a few weeks. Supervisors and employees should be aware that acclimatization to heat can take several days and work/rest cycles

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(Continued from page 15) should be scheduled accordingly. Because of the health risks, the symptoms of heat related illness must be recognized. Dehydration occurs quickly no matter how well acclimatized to the heat. The average person loses between 1 and 2 quarts of fluid an hour in perspiration during heavy exertion in hot weather. The only way to replace the loss (and help the body continue to cool itself) is to drink water. Early heat illness signs and symptoms may not always follow a progressive pattern from a mild condition such as heat rash up to the life-threatening condition of heat stroke. Being thirsty is not a good signal for the need to hydrate. Thirst alone is a poor indicator of how the body is reacting to heat. Drink water both before and after work.

Insect Bites

Working in the great outdoors — especially in the summer months — can mean exposure to some of Mother Nature's less pleasurable offerings, including flying insects (bees, wasps, and hornets) and other non-venomous and venomous spiders. While most stings cause only mild discomfort, some may result in severe allergic reactions that require immediate medical care and may cause death. Employers and workers are encouraged to understand exposure risks, how to recognize and respond to stings and bites, and what they can do to prevent them. Under 29 CFR Part 1904 – Recording and Reporting Occupational Injuries and Illnesses, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) considers bites and stings to be recordable when an employee who is bitten or stung while working receives medical treatment beyond first aid.

Exposed arms and hands tend to be more susceptible to stings and bites among workers than legs and feet, which are usually protected by clothing and enclosed shoes. In the study of occupationally related bites and stings, the head, one of the most exposed body parts, accounted for one-tenth of cases involving insects and arachnids; a third of those cases affected the eyes. Most bites and stings will heal on their own with appropriate first aid and self-care. For an inflamed insect bite or sting, apply a wrapped ice pack for no more than 15 to 20 minutes an hour for the first six hours. When not using ice, keep a cool, wet cloth on the bite or sting for up to six hours. After the first six hours, if swelling is not present, warmth may be applied to the site for comfort. In many instances, appropriate self-care is an option for bites and stings. Seek immediate medical care if the victim is known to be allergic or in response to symptoms such as severe pain, fever, nausea, trouble breathing, lightheadedness, balance problems or confusion. Take care to protect workers from insect bites and stings. If any employees are allergic to stings from bees or other insects, make sure to have emergency treatment available before they leave your facility and set out into the great outdoors.

This Safety Tid bit was brought to you by the TxSWANA Safety Management Team, authored by the City of Dallas Sanitation Safety Team. If you should have a solid waste safety related question fee free to reach out to either Ryan Rawson @ Ryan.Rawson@austintexas.gov or David Vartian @ dvartian@uptexas.org

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2023 TXSWANA CONFERENCE

Corpus Christi, Texas

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June 12-14, 2023

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We Welcome the Following New Members (through July 12, 2022)

Tanner Abbott	County Waste Service	Miguel Martinez	City of Garland
Zobair Ahmed	Univ. of Texas-Arlington	Jennifer Mickler	City of Dallas
Tai Cartier Apilado	City of Corpus Christi	Mel David Moraida	City of Corpus Christi
Sehneela Aurpa	Univ. of Texas-Arlington	Jorge A. Morales	City of Port Arthur
Natalie Betts	Balcones Resources	Aaron O'Neal	Univ. of Texas-Arlington
Brett J. DeVries	SCS Engineers	G'Anna Parkey	Rehrig Pacific
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Tom Golden	Daniel B. Stephens & Assoc.	Eduardo Reyes	City of Dallas
Ismael Guzman	City of Midland	Jesse Rodriguez	City of Odessa
Adam Hart	Republic Services	Razi Shopnil	Univ. of Texas-Arlington
Michael Heinstein	Daniel B. Stephens & Assoc.	Jerin Tasnim	Univ. of Texas-Arlington
Ethan Kunkel	Count Waste Service	Jerry Turk	Tri-Flo International
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Sabrina Mahjabin	Univ. of Texas-Arlington	Emmanuel Torres	Weaver Consultants Group
Muhasina Dola	Univ. of Texas-Arlington	Josh Wood	Swingle Collins & Associates
Logan Martin	McNeilus Companies		

Calendar of Events

BOARD OF DIRECTORS **2022 MEETINGS**

Aug. 12	University Park
Sept. 9	San Antonio
Oct. 14	El Paso
Nov. 11	University Park

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Annual Meeting
August 12, 2022
University Park, TX

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