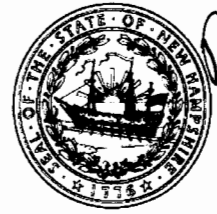




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The State of New Hampshire  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

October 13, 2015

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301

*Retroactive*

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Environmental Services (DES) to retroactively pay 2016 membership dues to the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (VC # 167188), Washington, D.C., in the amount of \$5,500.00, for the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, upon Governor and Council approval. 82% Federal (CERCLA & Brownfields), 18% Oil Pollution Control Funds.

Funding is available as follows:

	<u>FY 2016</u>
03-44-44-444010-2590-026-500251	\$3,000
Dept. Environmental Services, CERCLA Response Program, Organizational Dues	
03-44-44-444010-2514-026-500251	\$1,500
Dept. Environmental Services, Brownfields Response Program, Organizational Dues	
03-44-44-444010-1400-026-500251	\$1,000
Dept. Environmental Services, Oil Pollution Control, Organizational Dues	

EXPLANATION

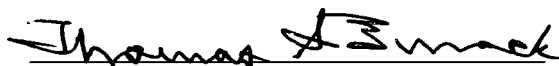
The Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO) is an organization supporting the environmental agencies of the States. ASTSWMO focuses on the needs of State hazardous waste programs; non-hazardous municipal solid waste and industrial waste programs; sustainability, recycling, waste minimization and reduction programs; Superfund and State cleanup programs; waste management and cleanup activities at federal facilities; and underground storage tank and leaking underground storage tank programs. Membership provides substantial benefits to New Hampshire and its citizens. The requested action is for retroactive payment because the invoice was not processed in a timely fashion before October 1<sup>st</sup>, the start of ASTSWMO's fiscal year.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization? The Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO) was incorporated in 1974, and has maintained a full time office in Washington, DC, since 1980. NHDES-Waste Management Division has been a member since about 1980.
2. Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?  
No
3. How many other state's belonging to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member? All 50 states and Puerto Rico are members. NHDES is the sole New Hampshire agency that is a member.

4. How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc) The dues are a standard fee for all states. The bulk of the funding for ASTSWMO comes from federal grants.
5. What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership? ASTSWMO holds two general membership meetings per year and several workshops for specific program areas of high interest. All expenses for DES's participation in these meetings are reimbursed by ASTSWMO. ASTSWMO provides a steady flow of services and relevant program information to members throughout the year, works closely with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that members are aware of the most current developments related to their programs, and coordinates the work of State regulators with that of their federal counterparts. ASTSWMO also represents the interests of its members in Washington, DC. While no single entity can speak for all State waste programs, the capability of consolidating similar views and ensuring that State managers have the opportunity to speak in unison on important waste management issues enhances their ability to influence national decision-making.
6. Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail. Yes. All the materials associated with the benefits provided in response to question 5. are provided free of charge.
7. Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain. No.
8. Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips. Yes. Completely. ASTSWMO-reimbursed travel for all benefits presented above is included with this membership fee. Details of travel are as follow:
- |                                     |                  |            |           |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------|-----------|
| Annual Meeting                      | Washington, D.C. | 2 days     | 1-3 staff |
| Mid-Year Meeting                    | (Changes)        | 2 days     | 1-3 staff |
| CERCLA Site Eval. WkGrp. (1-2 mtgs) | (Changes)        | 2 days/mtg | 1 staff   |
| UST Workgroup (1-2 mtgs)            | (Changes)        | 2 days/mtg | 1 staff   |
9. Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.
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|-----------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Michael Wimsatt | Director, Waste Management Div.    | Voting Member    |
| Molly Stark     | Project Manager, Haz. Waste Remed. | Committee Member |
| Mike Juranty    | Supervisor, Oil Compliance Section | Committee Member |
10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.  
Waste Management Division staff are professional engineers, hydrogeologists, and scientists addressing the solid and hazardous waste issues confronting New Hampshire. ASTSWMO's most important role is to assist States in learning from and working with other State peers. Loss of this cost-effective membership would significantly diminish the effectiveness of the Department's waste programs.

We respectfully request your approval.

  
Thomas S. Burack  
Commissioner



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Nation's Environmental Stewardship Since 1974

**FY 2016**  
**Invoice # 16-34**  
**Billing Date: August 27, 2015**  
**Due Date: Upon Receipt**

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INVOICE FOR  
New Hampshire Fee Assessment  
ASTSWMO Fiscal Year 2016  
October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016  
ASTSWMO Federal ID # 23-7446280

**New Hampshire Fee Assessment: \$5,500**

**Payment Due Date: Upon Receipt**

**Amount Due: \$5,500**

Please make check payable to the "Association of State & Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials" and mail to P.O. Box 66193, Washington, D.C. 20035.

Please return a copy of this invoice with your payment.

*Dania E. Rodriguez*

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

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