



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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May 28, 2019

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTIONS

1. Authorize the Department of Environmental Services (DES) to **retroactively** pay 2019 membership dues to the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (VC # 167188-B001), Washington, D.C., in the amount of \$6,000.00, for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, upon Governor and Council approval.

2. Authorize DES to use current year funds to **retroactively** pay a prior year's obligation in the form of 2017 membership dues to the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (VC # 167188-B001), Washington, D.C., in the amount of \$5,500.00, for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, upon Governor and Council approval.

Funding is 74% Federal, 19% Oil Pollution Control Funds, and 7% Hazardous Waste Cleanup Funds.

Funding is available as follows:

	<u>FY 2019</u>
03-44-44-444010-2590-026-500251 Dept. Environmental Services, CERCLA Response Program, Organizational Dues	\$5,500
03-44-44-444010-2514-026-500251 Dept. Environmental Services, Brownfields Response Program, Organizational Dues	\$3,000
03-44-44-444010-1400-026-500251 Dept. Environmental Services, Oil Pollution Control, Organizational Dues	\$2,200
03-44-44-444010-5392-026-500251 Dept. Environmental Services, Hazardous Waste Cleanup Fund, Organizational Dues	\$800

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; solid waste, sustainability, recycling, and waste reduction programs; Superfund and State cleanup programs; waste management and cleanup activities at federal facilities; and underground storage tank programs. ASTSWMO provides direct and substantial benefits to New Hampshire and its citizens by improving our implementation of these vital programs. The value of these benefits and services far exceeds the required annual dues. ASTSWMO membership has made possible connections and

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information sharing with other states' programs and national experts on critical environmental topics, including PFAS contamination in New Hampshire. Participation in the organization has contributed invaluable to our ability to respond effectively and provide leadership on these vital issues. The requested actions are for **retroactive** payment because the 2017 invoice was misplaced and went unpaid in 2017, and the current year invoice was not processed before the October 1 start of the federal fiscal year 2019. These delays in processing occurred because the invoices were not received and processed through the well-established systems for payment of such invoices. This procedural deficiency has been corrected in order avoid a reoccurrence. ASTSWMO relies on these dues to ensure its continued effective service to the states and viability as an organization.

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 non-travel expenses and the majority of travel expenses associated with DES' 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. ASTSWMO-reimbursed travel (generally in the amount of up to \$1000 per meeting, per participant) and all benefits presented above are included with this membership fee. Details of travel are as follow:

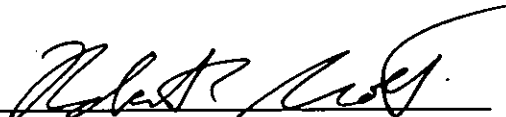
Annual Meeting	Washington, D.C.	2 days	1-3 staff
Mid-Year Meeting	(Changes)	2 days	1-3 staff
UST Subcommittee (1-2 mtgs)	(Changes)	2 days/mtg	1 staff

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.*

Michael Wimsatt	Director, Waste Management Div.	Voting Member
Matthew Jones	Supervisor, Tanks Compliance	Committee Chair/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.


Robert R. Scott
Commissioner



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Fiscal Year 2019

Invoice #19-34

Original Billing Date: May 8, 2018

Current Billing Date: May 22, 2019

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New Hampshire Fee Assessment

ASTSWMO Fiscal Year 2019: October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019

ASTSWMO Fiscal Year 2017: October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017

ASTSWMO Federal ID # 23-7446280

New Hampshire Fee Assessment for FY19: \$6,000

New Hampshire Fee Assessment for FY17: \$5,500

Total Due: \$11,500

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. A 2.5% increase will be implemented in FY20 (Oct. 1, 2019 – Sept. 30, 2020) and then every year thereafter to address the anticipated increases in the Fee Budget expenses.

For FY 2020, your fee assessment will be: \$6,150

For FY 2021, your fee assessment will be: \$6,303

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