



Indiana Hoosier Chapter

Hoosier you say.....what is a Hoosier? Most would say...well a Hoosier is somebody from Indiana. For many it means a whole lot more....basketball....the Indy 500....fresh sweet corn, tomatoes and hamburgers fresh off the grill.... some of the best fishing around and on and on. Welcome to the Hoosier chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America. Although we are not very big the Hoosier Chapter of SWANA proudly endorses our mission, "To advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound management of municipal solid waste".

About The Indiana Hoosier Chapter:

The Hoosier Chapter of SWANA was chartered on August 5th 1993, and today is supported by membership of nearly 100 solid waste professionals across the state. Membership is comprised of solid waste facility operators, private sector service providers, solid waste management Districts, consultants and equipment vendors as well as municipalities throughout Indiana.

The Hoosier Chapter has a long standing tradition of supporting Indiana landfill operators through its bi-annual landfill operator certification training program. In addition, the Hoosier Chapter works closely with Solid Waste Management Districts to educate professionals as well as the general public about the practice of integrated solid waste management. The Chapter hosts an annual training and golf outing in June and in recent years has been partnering with the Association of Indiana Solid Waste Management Districts (AISWMD) in a joint two-day conference in October.

The Hoosier Chapter is proud to have completed its second partnering course with National SWANA through presentation of the one day course " Municipal Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection Efficiency Workshop" in the fall of 2003. Indiana and the Hoosier Chapter of SWANA stand at the threshold of major change in solid waste management in this Midwestern state as final disposal capacity decreases and materials recovery/handling costs increase.

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News and Information:

The Hoosier Chapter continues informal discussions with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) regarding adoption of National MOLO standards.

Chapter sub-committee members continue to work with IDEM regulators regarding draft compost rules that will significantly impact composting operations state wide.

The Chapter has received several requests for (and is looking into bringing) SWANA's three-day "Managing Compost Programs" course to the AISWMD conference in the fall of the year.

The State of Indiana is currently undergoing a statewide court-ordered land value re-assessment that changes the property tax method of funding across the state. The Indiana State Supreme Court has found the former property assessed value method unconstitutional and as a result, the court ordered re-assessment has greatly delayed property tax revenue distribution to all local units of government. Solid waste programs funded by the property tax based system have been negatively impacted and forced to severely cut budgets in 2004.