

Monday, May 7 - 8, 2024 Las Vegas Convention Center Las Vegas, NV



Tuesday, May 7, 2024		
8:00 - 9:30 am	Meet & Greet with Attendees & Sponsors	
9:30 - 9:45 am	Welcome/Opening Remarks Bob Spurgin, Spurgin & Associates Elise Paeffgen, Alston & Bird Anne Germain, National Waste & Recycling Association	
9:45 - 10:15 am	Learn about legislative and regulatory updates that may impact those involved in healthcare waste generation and management. Also hear about the National Waste & Recycling Association Healthcare Waste Institute's (HWI) activities over the past year related to regulatory and legislative support as well as issues that HWI monitors for its members such as emerging infectious diseases and contaminants. **Moderator: Bob Bollinger, Micro-Waste Corporation** Speaker: Cara Simaga, Stericycle**	
10:15 - 10:45 am	Bank Fraud Awareness and Best Practices In this session, attendees will learn about current fraud trends including check fraud and business email compromise fraud schemes, how to identify potential red flags, best practices for fraud prevention in these areas and more. Moderator: Mary Gray, Envirotain Speaker: John R. Shoup, Comerica Incorporated and Comerica Bank	
10:45 - 11:15 am	Exhibitor Break	
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Burning Issue: Navigating the Critical Shortage in Hazardous Waste Incineration Capacity In this session, the speakers will delve into the pressing challenge of the current shortage in hazardous waste incineration capacity. Explore the causes, consequences, and potential solutions as they navigate the complexities of managing and disposing of hazardous wastes in an environmentally responsible manner. Join us and discover actionable insights to address this burning issue. Moderator: Les Griffith, Covanta Speakers: Mo Azose, Stericycle Elise Paeffgen, Alston & Bird Rudy Vingris, WM	
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Pharmaceutical Waste: Waste and Return This interactive session focuses on the basics of pharmaceutical waste compliance and management geared toward those who are in the business or looking to get into the business of transporting or treating this waste stream. The panel of experts will discuss pharmaceutical waste types, transport and treatment of pharmaceutical waste, controlled substances, reverse distribution and more. Moderator: Cara Simaga, Stericycle Speakers: Valerie Bedrock, Covanta Monica Livingston, Pharmacology Linda Staller, Drug Enforcement Administration	
2:00 - 2:30 pm	Navigating the Insurance Market Mess This session will discuss the current state of the insurance market, what to expect for the coming year and ideas on how to mitigate the premium increases. Moderator: Scot McFarland, Medical Waste Solutions, Inc. Speaker: Nathan Brainard, Insurance Office of America	



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2:30 - 3:00 pm	Exhibitor Break
	What's New and Changing Healthcare Waste
3:00 - 4:00 pm	What will the healthcare waste industry look like next year or five years? What should medical waste transporters and processors prepare for in order to remain successful? Join us to learn the answer to these questions and more.
	Moderator: Trey Krell, Biomedical Waste Services Speaker: Michael E. Hoffman, Stifel
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Evening Reception

Wednesday, May 8, 2024		
8:00 - 9:00 am	Meet & Greet with Attendees & Sponsors	
9:00 - 10:00 am	Diving for Hospital Trash: What's in Your Dumpster?	
	Hospitals nationwide are facing increasing scrutiny, inspections and enforcement concerning waste disposal practices. Now hospitals are responding with changes to their policies to not only reflect these issues but to look for ways to enhance sustainability and improve environmental programs. This presentation will look at the process from generation to disposal and how medical waste service providers can play a key role in helping their customers achieve success in managing their waste in a challenging regulatory environment.	
	Moderator: Elise Paeffgen, Alston & Bird Speakers: Meaghan Boyd, Alston & Bird Brian Lindman, Republic Services Bob Spurgin, Spurgin & Associates	
10:00 - 10:30 am	Got Funky Waste?	
	From prion diseases waste to recombinant waste, to mpox waste, to other "unusual" healthcare wastes, learn how to properly manage and dispose of various types of "funky" waste.	
	Moderator: Matt Georgov, Choice MedWaste Speakers: Chris Brown and Ryan Fagan, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention TBD, U.S. Department of Transportation	
10:30 - 11:00 am	Exhibitor Break	
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Waste as Part of The Joint Commission's Sustainability Certificate: A Health System's Perspective on Supplier Requirements	
	Learn how you can be a better partner for health systems as they work to achieve accreditation with The Joint Commission's Sustainability Certificate, which launched in January. Leaders of Hackensack Meridian Health, the first health system to achieve The Joint Commission's Sustainability Certification, will share its experience preparing for the certificate and provide guidance and perspective on what health systems will look for around waste from their suppliers and partners.	
	Moderator: Alex Chapman, Stericycle Speakers: Derrick Hutton and John Kroncke, Hackensack Meridian Health TBD, The Joint Commission	
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 - 2:00 pm	The Ins and Outs of OSHA Compliance	
	The healthcare waste industry is subject to numerous regulations including health and safety compliance requirements. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has established regulations and standards to protect workers. In this session, experts will explore how to remain in compliance with these OSHA regulations and standards and the potential consequences of failures.	



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Co-located with:

	Moderator: Ryan Georgov, Choice MedWaste Speakers: Eric Conn, Conn, Maciel & Carey Jeffrey Wanko, Occupational Safety and Health Administration
2:30 - 4:00 pm	NWRA Healthcare Waste Institute Member Meeting