

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

8:00 - 9:30 am	Meet & Greet with Attendees & Sponsors
9:30 - 9:45 am	<p>Welcome/Opening Remarks</p> <p><i>Bob Spurgin, Spurgin & Associates</i> <i>Elise Paeffgen, Alston & Bird</i> <i>Anne Germain, National Waste & Recycling Association</i></p>
9:45 - 10:15 am	<p>2024 Legislative and Regulatory Updates</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Bob Bollinger, Micro-Waste Corporation</i> <i>Speaker: Cara Simaga, Stericycle</i></p>
10:15 - 10:45 am	<p>Bank Fraud Awareness and Best Practices</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Mary Gray, Envirotain</i> <i>Speaker: John R. Shoup, Comerica Incorporated and Comerica Bank</i></p>
10:45 - 11:15 am	Exhibitor Break
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	<p>Burning Issue: Navigating the Critical Shortage in Hazardous Waste Incineration Capacity</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Les Griffith, Covanta</i> <i>Speakers: Mo Azose, Stericycle</i> <i>Elise Paeffgen, Alston & Bird</i> <i>Rudy Vingris, WM</i></p>
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 pm	<p>Pharmaceutical Waste: Waste and Return</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Cara Simaga, Stericycle</i> <i>Speakers: Valerie Bedrock, Covanta</i> <i>Monica Livingston, Pharmecology</i> <i>Linda Staller, Drug Enforcement Administration</i> <i>Kristin Fitzgerald, Environmental Protection Agency</i></p>
2:00 - 2:30 pm	<p>Navigating the Insurance Market Mess</p> <p>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.</p>

	<p><i>Moderator: Scot McFarland, Medical Waste Solutions, Inc.</i> <i>Speaker: Nathan Brainard, Insurance Office of America</i></p>
2:30 - 3:00 pm	Exhibitor Break
3:00 - 4:00 pm	<p>What's New and Changing Healthcare Waste</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Trey Krell, Biomedical Waste Services</i> <i>Speaker: Michael E. Hoffman, Stifel</i></p>
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	<p>Diving for Hospital Trash: What's in Your Dumpster?</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Elise Paeffgen, Alston & Bird</i> <i>Speakers: Meaghan Boyd, Alston & Bird</i> <i>Brian Lindman, Republic Services</i> <i>Bob Spurgin, Spurgin & Associates</i></p>
10:00 - 10:30 am	<p>Got Funky Waste?</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Matt Georgov, Choice MedWaste</i> <i>Speakers: Chris Brown and Ryan Fagan, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</i> <i>Stuart Streck, U.S. Department of Transportation</i></p>
10:30 - 11:00 am	Exhibitor Break
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	<p>Waste as Part of The Joint Commission's Sustainability Certificate: A Health System's Perspective on Supplier Requirements</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Alex Chapman, Stericycle</i> <i>Speakers: Derrick Hutton and Tamara McNair, Hackensack Meridian Health</i></p>
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 pm	<p>The Ins and Outs of OSHA Compliance</p> <p>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</p>



	<p>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.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Ryan Georgov, Choice MedWaste</i> <i>Speakers: Eric Conn, Conn, Maciel & Carey</i> <i>Eric Brooks, Occupational Safety and Health Administration</i></p>
2:30 - 4:00 pm	NWRA Healthcare Waste Institute Member Meeting