
The political, social, economic and environmental landscapes surrounding waste-to-energy have changed significantly in the last couple of years. Numerous research studies have confirmed the superior environmental performance of waste-to-energy systems when compared to traditional coal-fired power plants, slowly eroding the public’s perception of waste-to-energy as a dirty, polluting industry that compromises public health and environmental protection. Add to that the skyrocketing energy prices and the passage of the Energy Policy Act and its favorable waste-to-energy provisions, all these factors may just be setting the stage for this technology to take on a much more significant role as a viable waste management solution. With implications stretching across the entire solid waste management field, you cannot afford to miss the 14th Annual North American Waste-to-Energy Conference (NAWTEC 14).

NAWTEC 14 – a partnership between SWANA, the Integrated Waste Services Association and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers – promises to be an event essential to every waste-to-energy professional’s career development. The event will ‘fire up’ May 1-3, 2006 in beautiful Tampa, Florida. Kicking off the event will be three thought-provoking keynote speakers – each one focusing on the big-picture status of the industry in the U.S. and in the international arena. What will follow will be an intense three day event packed with educational and networking opportunities unparalleled at any event in the country. Some of the key highlights of this event include:

- Three DISTINGUISHED keynote speakers will share their views on the status and recent accomplishments of the waste-to-energy industry both in the U.S. and abroad – Pam Iorio, Mayor, City of Tampa, FL (Invited); Anthony Orlando, President & CEO, Covanta Energy Group, and Dr. Juergen Vehlow, Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe GmbH;
- Welcoming Reception and Table Top Trade Fair – stretched over TWO days – filled with vendors featuring the latest waste-to-energy equipment, technology and services available;
- The Columbia University Waste-to-Energy Research and Technology Council’s special bi-annual session highlighting the latest research on waste-to-energy and combustion science;
- Special session on waste-to-energy health and safety hosted by the Integrated Waste Services Association;
- A detailed look at U.S. and international waste-to-energy case studies, technological advances environmental performance, and improving plant operations;
- 3rd Annual NAWTEC Golf Tournament on Sunday, April 30th;
- Featured facility tour of Pinellas County’s state-of-the-art waste-to-energy plant – operated by Wheelabrator Pinellas Inc.;
- The opportunity to earn SWANA CEUs to maintain your SWANA certification.

The full event program will be available for downloading from the forms page of the SWANA website at www.swana.org/sections/forms/#EVENTDOWNLOADS in the very near future!
The sights and sounds of the Tampa Bay area are unmatched anywhere else. Enjoy some great seafood, stop by the Florida Aquarium, take in a professional sporting event, visit Florida’s historic Latin Quarter, Ybor City – the recreation and entertainment options in Tampa Bay are limitless! For more information on these and other attractions, visit the Tampa Bay Convention and Visitors Bureau website at www.visittampabay.com.

The Tampa International Airport provides you easy access to NAWTEC 14. Visit the airport’s website at www.tampaairport.com for flight information, schedules, directions and ground transportation options.

There are three easy ways to register for this event:

1) Go online to www.SWANAstore.com.
2) Fax Your Completed Registration Form from the brochure to SWANA at (301) 589-7068.
3) Call SWANA at 1-800-GO-SWANA.

If you have any questions regarding NAWTEC 14 please call SWANA’s Member Services Representative at 1-800-GO-SWANA. We look forward to seeing you in the Sunshine State this May!