

Air & Waste Management Association

A&WMA Overview

The Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan professional organization that enhances knowledge and expertise by providing a neutral forum for information exchange, professional development, networking opportunities, public education, and outreach to more than 8000 environmental professionals in 65 countries. A&WMA also promotes global environmental responsibility and increases the effectiveness of organizations to make critical decisions that benefit society. The Mission of A&WMA is to assist in the professional development and critical environmental decision-making of our members to benefit society. The core Purpose of A&WMA is to improve environmental knowledge and decisions by providing a neutral forum for exchanging information.

Publications

One of the primary ways the Association helps members meet their professional goals is by providing environmental knowledge through its two monthly publications.

- The *Journal of the Air & Waste Management Association*, A&WMA's flagship publication, is the oldest continuously published, peer reviewed, technical environmental journal in the world. In print since 1951, the Journal features the latest in cutting-edge research and technology.
- *EM*, the magazine for environmental managers, covers the environmental industry from a management, policy, and regulatory perspective, providing in-depth analysis of the issues affecting today's environmental professionals.

Professional Development

The Association, with international headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, offers a series of conferences, workshops, and courses to help keep members up to date on new developments in the profession. The Annual Conference and Exhibition is the Association's largest gathering, attracting thousands of environmental professionals from around the world. Attendees gather to hear hundreds of technical papers on cutting-edge topics and to interact with exhibiting business and organizations demonstrating the latest environmental products and services.

The Association also sponsors between 6 and 10 specialty conferences a year --including Webinars --on topics such as global climate change, emission inventories and measurements of toxic and related air pollutants; workshops on a range of environmental issues; and more than 30 continuing education courses, including the Environmental Practices Review course, which serves as a preparatory course for the QEP certification exam. Other career advancement opportunities provided to A&WMA members include a job bank, an extensive Web site, and hundreds of publications on key air and waste issues. Websites are listed below.

International Scope Although most Association members reside in North America, A&WMA has spearheaded an effort to build an international network of environmental professionals by establishing sections and chapters worldwide.

Public Education A&WMA has launched an active public education effort that revolves around its award-winning Teacher-Training Program. Through this program, A&WMA volunteers train teachers to instruct students on the environment. The teachers use the Association's Environmental Resource Guides, which provide educators with explanations of environmental problems and classroom exercises designed to illustrate environmental issues to students. The Teacher Training Program has been honored with awards from Renew America, the National Environmental Development Association, American Society of Association Executives, and Keep America Beautiful.

Over 100 Years of Service

In 2007 A&WMA celebrated its 100th year of providing service to environmental professionals. The Association looks forward to continuing to provide environmental professionals with up-to-date technical, managerial, and regulatory information on air and waste issues. A&WMA is working to remain the premier international environmental organization by promoting global environmental responsibility and enhancing the environmental knowledge and quality of information on which environmental decisions are based.

National A&WMA website:

<http://www.awma.org>

Local A&WMA Chapter website:

<http://www.ntxawma.org/>