

# SWANA – Georgia Chapter AWARDS APPLICATION FORM for Landfill Management/Reuse

Program/Facility Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip/ Province, Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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Application submitted by (if different than information listed above):

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If selected for an award, how would you like the name of the solid waste worker to read on the award (limit of 50 characters)?

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**Application Checklist** - Please make sure the following items are included in your submittal packet:

\*Award Application Form (this form)

\*Entry meeting the Application Requirements for the category selected (noted later in this application)

\*Entries shall consist of ONE electronic copy of your application in a PDF format emailed to georgiaswana@gmail.com

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## Application Requirements

Provide answers/information for the following categories:

### 1.) Site Overview (5 points)

Describe your landfill site and its history. Provide information on area serviced, tons per day, how long the landfill has been operating, site capacity, and other site operations, e.g., yard materials composting and mulching, segregation of materials for re-use or recycling, household hazardous waste collection, residents' acceptance or drop-off centers. Describe the landfill's role in the local community's integrated solid waste management plan and system. What makes your site unique or state-of-the-art? Why does your landfill site deserve an excellence award?

### 2.) Siting, Design and Construction (15 points)

What are the key elements of your facility design? What challenges did you incur in siting (e.g., site soils, hydrology/geology, access, buffer, adjacent and nearby land uses, etc.); design (including solid waste capacity); and site preparation, including construction techniques (e.g., MQC, CQC, CQA, leak detection

surveys, etc.) and how did you address them? How does the landfill's appearance fit in with the community? Emphasize what you have done that is "over and above" what is required by law or regulation.

### **3.) Equipment/Systems and Technologies (10 points)**

What equipment (including leachate pumps, fueling stations, etc.) is innovative or state-of-the-art? Have you had to replace any equipment, and if so, what prompted the replacement and how did you decide what new equipment to install? How has new equipment improved the operation of your landfill? Describe your maintenance schedule to ensure regular operation. Do you have a recovery plan for service interruptions due to equipment malfunctions, loss of electricity, weather or natural disasters? If so, describe the plan (including backup equipment or redundant design) and how often the plan is updated. Emphasize what you have in place that is "over and above" what is required by law or regulation.

### **4.) Environmental Controls and Monitoring (15 points)**

What design features and controls (e.g., surface water, groundwater and leachate monitoring; leachate collection and treatment methods, air monitoring, odors, erosion and sediment controls, storm water discharges, landfill gas) are in place to ensure that the landfill contributes to environmental protection? Include photographs and schematics as necessary. What is the overall impact of the facility on human health, environmental quality and resource conservation? Emphasize what you have done that is "over and above" what is required by law or regulation.

### **5.) Regulatory Compliance (15 points)**

Summarize the permits which are applicable for the site and briefly discuss their purpose. What permit language may be considered unique or unusual? How can you demonstrate that the landfill and its components comply with or exceed local, state and federal regulations? Include any third-party documentation that your facility is environmentally sound. You may include awards, letters of support or summaries of audit/inspection data. (When including documents, you may reduce them in size to fit multiple documents on a page, as long as they are readable, or include a link to a website that contains the requested document.) What, if any, non-compliance issues were cited and how they were addressed or resolved?

### **6.) Planning and Operations (10 points)**

What materials (including quantities) does your site accept? What methods do you use to analyze how well your landfill is performing in such areas as compaction, cover operations, gas system operation, and revenue, and what results are you obtaining from your analysis? How do you use these results for continuous improvement of your facility? Do your results meet or exceed the goals established in your planning process?

### **7.) Employee and Customer Safety (10 points)**

How did you address safety issues in your planning and designing your facility, as well as in current practice? How often do you provide training to employees? What type of training do you provide? What is your injury rate, and what are you doing to improve it? If the public is allowed on site, how do you train them on safety procedures? Emphasize what you have done that is "over and above" what is required by law or regulation.

### **8.) Public Acceptance, Appearance and Aesthetics (10 points)**

What do you do to help keep the overall site appearance neat and clean? Describe community concerns (e.g., landscaping, dust control, control of windblown materials) and how you responded to them. What are your community outreach and engagement efforts? What is your customer service approach and how

is it measured? What results have you achieved with your community relations programs? Have you received any awards? Which ones?

**9.) Application Quality** (*this is a judges category only, not to be addressed in your application*)  
**(5points)** *Your application will be judged on its organization and presentation, and on editorial and technical quality.*

***All Entries Must Be Postmarked by August 31.***

***There is NO Application fee for Georgia Chapter Award Submittals.***