

**Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"  
Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

<b>1. Your Name:</b> Michael G. Forbeck		
<b>2. Your Title:</b> President		
<b>3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing:</b> Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials		
<b>4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?</b>	Yes	No X
<b>5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2013. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.</b>  EPA: XI-83449301		
<b>6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.</b>		

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **MICHAEL G. FORBECK, PE**

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Results-oriented leader and program manager with thirty-two years of progressively responsible experience. Skilled at developing and applying state and federal environmental regulations, internal agency policies, and legal documents to meet agency goals and mission and to ensure the protection of the environment and public health. Areas of significant achievement include the following:

- Program Management
- Strategic Planning
- Public Speaking
- Policy/Procedure Development
- Budget Analysis
- System Integration
- Meeting Facilitation
- Staff Utilization and Mentoring
- Public/Community Involvement
- Interagency Involvement

## **EMPLOYMENT AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

### **ASSOCIATION OF STATE, TERRITORIAL, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS (ASTSWMO)**

Direct and promote the Association's Mission of enhancing and promoting effective programs for waste and materials management, encouraging environmentally sustainable practices, and influencing relevant national waste and materials management policies. Positions held include the following:

#### **Current President and Past Vice-President, *October 2013 to present***

Supervise active board policies and decisions regarding research, white papers, and mission.

#### **Beneficial Use Task Force Chairperson, *2010 to 2013***

Collaborate with technical staff; develop national guidelines and technical criteria for beneficial use of waste.

#### **Ad hoc committee member, *2005 to present***

Contribute ideas and expertise toward the development of Federal Coal Ash Regulations and beneficial use of wastes.

### **PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

#### **SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Orchestrated the closure of the largest coal combustion waste disposal impoundment in the United States and helped guide the generator to alternative reuses of the waste.
- Directed and developed the Waste Redux Project, which implemented ideas from citizen groups, industry representatives, academic and government officials to further reduce waste, conserve energy, promote economic development, and provide a fair compliance monitoring system. This project resulted in the redrafting of the waste regulations.
- Reduced facilities staff by forty percent while decreasing permitting action timeframes by fifty percent.
- Streamlined permit review process procedures, eliminating backlog and delays in reporting.
- Streamlined elevated enforcement procedures and developed electronic compliance check, bond review, and permit review procedures that minimized staffing requirements.
- Managed re-engineering of the bonding calculation protocol for sites, increasing available contingency funds to over \$300,000,000.00.
- Developed one-stop information source for waste management sites.

**POSITIONS HELD**

**Environmental Program Manager, *Bureau of Waste Management, 2004 to present***

- Manage and direct all Bureau of Waste Management activities in the Southwest Region of DEP, including waste minimization, enforcement, and permitting.
- Review and approve enforcement actions.
- Review and issue final permit actions for waste management facilities.
- Establish goals and priorities and implement them through performance standards and objectives.
- Provide input to and author solid waste management regulations.
- Meet with legislators, local officials, agency representatives, special interest groups, and the public on environmental issues.

**Bureau Director, *Bureau of Land Recycling and Waste Management, 2004***

- Directed and coordinated the development and implementation of the Commonwealth's comprehensive solid waste management, storage tank, and remediation programs.
- Organize, manage, direct, and evaluate the statewide hazardous, municipal, and residual waste planning, permitting, and compliance programs, as well as the Commonwealth's hazardous sites cleanup, storage tank, and pipeline utility remediation programs.
- Coordinate and implement the Federal Superfund and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Underground Storage Tank and Leaking Underground Storage Tank programs, and the Department's source reduction and recycling initiatives.
- Supervise a staff of 153 people with a \$200,000,000.00 annual budget.

**Acting Environmental Program Manager, *Water Management, Air Quality, Oil and Gas and Environmental Cleanup, 2002 –2008.***

- Managed both programs during position vacancies.
- Managed, directed, and coordinated various programs while maintaining the Waste Program.

**Regional Engineering Manager, *Bureau of Solid Waste Management, 1984- 1989, 1990-2004***

- Professionally represented the agency, bureau, and region in dealings with federal officials and other Commonwealth agencies. Served as liaison to other bureaus, regional programs, and other state/federal agencies.
- Conducted public hearings and meetings, and interacted with the public and industry on all aspects of permitting, pollution prevention, source reduction, and land recycling.
- Supervised a technical staff of over fifteen professionals that reviewed solid waste treatment, storage, and disposal permit applications.
- Recommended actions on permit applications.
- Issued permits to ensure that technical requirements aligned with procedures and were coordinated with appropriate programs and agencies.

**Sanitary Engineer III, *Bureau of Solid Waste Management 1981- 1984***

Managed technical and project oversight of waste permitting requirements.

### **PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL EMPLOYMENT:**

- Weavertown Environmental Group, *Compliance Manager*, 1989 – 1990.
- Allegheny County Health Department, *Environmental Health Engineer*, 1980-1981
- Private Consulting, *Independent Environmental Consultant*, 1990

### **OTHER POSITIONS HELD:**

#### **Chairman, *DEP Coordinating Committee on Professional Practices***

- Committee oversees and advises on the conduct of professional practices and employment and development of professional staff for DEP.

#### **Member, *Air and Waste Management Association***

- Instructor for Waste Management introductory course

#### **Adjunct Faculty, *California University of Pennsylvania, California, PA***

- Taught in Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences
- Received outstanding reviews on applied teaching methods and use of current environmental regulations.

### **EDUCATION, AWARDS, AND CERTIFICATES**

**Pennsylvania State University**, University Park, PA  
**Bachelor of Science, Environmental Engineering**, 1980

**University of Pittsburgh**, Pittsburgh, PA  
Graduate courses in Civil-Environmental Engineering, 1988 – 1990

**Pennsylvania Registered Professional Engineer-** License # PE033734E

**ASTSWMO Certificates** – For outstanding contributions to the Association, 2010, 2013

#### ***Other Coursework***

Successfully completed training courses relating to management in the public sector and management and technical aspects of emergency response and remedial action including Hazardous Site Assessment and Hazardous Materials Incident Analysis.

### **VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Scoutmaster and Committee Chair for Boy Scouts of America.
- Coach and Mentor for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Team in Training.
- Volunteer in various capacities for School, Church, and Community.
- Completed eighty-two marathons in all fifty states.
- PADI Certified Advanced Open Water Diver.