

New York State Association for Solid Waste Management

# 2026 Landfill Operator Certification

Holiday Inn  
Saratoga Springs, NY

March 23-25, 2026

Up to 6 Continuing  
Education  
Hours  
For P.E.'s  
Will Be Offered



ENDORSED  
BY  
NYSDEC

## Conference Registration

Sue McIntyre  
607-316-4259  
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## Exhibitor Registration and Conference Questions

A limited number of exhibitor booths are available.

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# 2026 LANDFILL OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

# AGENDA



## Day 1 Monday, March 23, 2026

5:00 PM NYSASWM Welcome Dinner

## Day 2 Tuesday, March 24, 2026

### Landfill Operators Certification Course

Attendance at this course and achieving a passing grade on the operator's certification exam fulfills the requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 360-1.14(u)(2). The course will be broken into the individual sessions below to teach the attendees various aspects of landfill operations, design and maintenance. All sessions will be taught live providing question and answer opportunities for the learner. Attendees will also be provided a hard copy of the 2026 Landfill Operators Training Manual upon which the sessions will be based. Up to 6 professional development hours (PDH) of New York State professional engineering continuing education will be offered during this course. Attendance at all sessions, completing the course evaluation, and passing the examination is required to receive the credits.

7:00 AM **Breakfast**

8:00 AM Registration Opens

8:30 AM **Introduction** - Josh Olbrys, NYSASWM President

8:35 AM **\*NY State Regulations/Landfill Design** - Paola Munar Moreno, MS, P.E., NYS DEC  
Albany & Kate White, P.E., NYS DEC Region 5 Warrensburg Office

Ms. Munar Moreno has over eleven years of experience as an Environmental Engineer in the solid waste industry with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). She earned her master's degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Currently, Ms. Munar Moreno serves as the Supervisor for Solid Waste Planning in the Combustion and Disposal Section. Her primary responsibilities include providing technical assistance to the NYSDEC Regional Offices regarding solid waste management facilities, including landfills, and managing the state's data and local solid waste planning program.

**Ms. White** is a graduate of SUNY ESF & has been working for the NYS DEC for over 10 years, beginning her career in Central Office before transferring to Region 5. Ms. White serves as the Warrensburg Materials Management Supervisor. Upon successful completion of this session, learners will be able to recall & explain the regulatory requirements for landfill design & operation including various components of liner & closure design, groundwater & bedrock design separations, leachate head level requirements, secondary flow monitoring, daily & intermediate cover requirements, the importance of proactive odor control procedures & regulatory operating & reporting requirements.

9:45 AM **Break** (in exhibitor area)

10:15 AM **\*Waste Screening/Radiation Detection Program** - Greg Gelewski, Director, Madison Co.  
DSW & Paul Armani, Environmental Radiation Specialist 2, NRRPT Radioactive Materials  
Management Section, Division of Materials Management, NYSDEC

Mr. Gelewski is the Director of the Department of Solid Waste for Madison County, NY, overseeing daily landfill, transfer station & recycling operations; with a current focus on landfill gas recovery, wellfield management & recycling commodities movement. Mr. Gelewski has over 22 years of experience in the environmental compliance, remediation & material management fields for both the public & private sector.

Mr. Armani started his career in radiological analysis & remediation in 2001. Mr. Armani has worked in a radiochemistry lab & on various radioactive remediation sites (NYS Brownfields, FUSRAP, private remediation & characterization sites & Superfund). Mr. Armani has been with the NYSDEC since September 2019 & has taken a lead role on Part 360 facilities across NY. Upon successful completion of this session, learners will be able to explain & describe which wastes are acceptable/not acceptable at their MSW landfill. Learners will also be able to recall the regulatory requirements for screening & record keeping & be able to describe the proper calibration & operation of radiation detectors.

11:15 AM **\*Working Face Procedures** - Brian Wohnsiedler, Operations Manager, Development Authority of  
the North Country - Mr. Wohnsiedler serves as Materials Management Supervisor of the DANC Solid Waste  
Management Facility in Rodman, NY, where he is responsible for various landfill operations. Mr. Wohnsiedler is a  
NYS Certified and SWANA MOLO Certified Landfill Operator. Upon successful completion of this session, learners  
will be able to describe & explain proper working face operations in accordance with NYSDEC regulations including  
proper cover material management, various operational equipment, waste compaction efforts & slope management.

Noon **Lunch** (must have name badge)

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## Day 2 Tuesday, March 24, 2026 Con't

- 1:00 PM **\*Leachate Management** - Josh Olbrys, Executive Director, OHSWA  
Mr. Olbrys has been with the Authority for over 20 years. His area of expertise has been focused on environmental monitoring & reporting, including leachate management. Mr. Olbrys is a NYS Certified & SWANA MOLO Certified Landfill Operator. Mr. Olbrys is responsible for managing all aspects of the Authority's Regional Landfill operations & ensuring that the landfill is in compliance with statutes, rules & all applicable regulations. He also assists in the administration & planning of all Authority facilities & operations. Upon successful completion of this session, learners will be able to identify different design methods to remove leachate from the landfill, understand general pumping arrangements, & explain proper leachate collection system cleaning, & leachate storage requirements.
- 1:40 PM **\*Landfill Gas** - Bill Doebler, Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.  
Mr. Doebler has worked in the environmental industry for over 30 years with specialties in air emissions testing, air permitting, environmental compliance engineering, solid & hazardous waste management & development of landfill gas to energy & renewable natural gas systems. A graduate of Wright State University in Ohio, Mr. Doebler serves as a Senior Associate in B&L & manages air compliance programs specifically geared towards solid waste management & landfill gas systems. He holds the professional certification of Qualified Environmental Professional & is the Buffalo office Branch Manager for Barton & Loguidice. Upon successful completion of this session, learners will be able to explain how LFG is generated & describe proper operation of LFG collection & control systems, including various system components. Learners will be able to recall how to detect possible fires through proper system monitoring & beneficial use applications of LFG.
- 2:00 PM **Break** (in exhibitor area)
- 2:30 PM **\*Water Quality Monitoring** - Francesca King, NYSDEC  
Ms. King is a Professional Geologist 1 in the Division of Materials Management, Region 1 Office. She is a licensed NYS Professional Geologist & holds an undergraduate degree in geology from Smith College, a MSc. in Economics and Business Administration from the Norwegian School of Economics, & a MSc. in Environmental Geosciences from CUNY Queens College. Francesca worked for Suffolk County Department of Health Services & joined NYSDEC in 2022. Upon successful completion of this session, learners will be able to generally describe the design & layout of a landfill monitoring system & how to detect trends in groundwater laboratory results which may indicate a problem. Learners will also be able to explain the importance of how site operations & maintenance may affect groundwater monitoring results & what you can do about them.
- 3:00 PM **\*Stormwater Management** - Dave Hanny, CPESC, CPSWQ, LEED AP, Vice President, Barton and Loguidice, D.P.C. - For over 21 years, Mr. Hanny has served as a project manager for numerous stormwater related projects as a Certified Professional in Erosion & Sediment Control & Water Quality, with a focus on landfill stormwater management. Mr. Hanny is also an accredited LEED AP professional. The design & maintenance of various landfill related stormwater infrastructure will be taught. Upon successful completion of this session, learners will be able to recall & explain proper stormwater management both inside & outside of the lined landfill area along with stormwater plan monitoring & reporting requirements.
- 3:30 PM **\*Landfill Safety** - Andrew VanFleet, Steuben County SW  
**Andrew VanFleet, Assistant Landfill Supervisor, Steuben County Solid Waste**  
Mr. VanFleet has been with Steuben Co. for 5 years, beginning as a mechanic. Mr. VanFleet then became Mechanic Supervisor, leading maintenance operations while remaining actively involved in the repair shop. As Assistant Landfill Supervisor, he stays closely connected to equipment operations while managing broader operational & supervisory responsibilities. He holds 2 Associate of Applied Science degrees from SUNY Alfred State - in Business Administration & Diesel Technologies. Upon successful completion of this session learners will be able to understand applicable regulations, recall confined space & trenching & excavation procedures, describe atmospheric hazards & Personal Protection Equipment.
- 4:00 PM **Operator Training Examination** – Attendance at all sessions, completing the course evaluation, and passing the examination is required to receive the continuing education credit.
- 5:00 PM **Attitude Adjustment Hour with Exhibitors**
- 6:15 PM **Shuttle** to Saratoga Strike Zone, 32 Ballston Avenue
- 6:30 PM Dinner, networking & bowling at the alley. Sponsored by Barton & Loguidice.

## Day 3 Wednesday, March 26, 2025

- 7:00 AM **Breakfast with Exhibitors**
- 9:00 AM **Bus Leaves for educational tour of Colonie Landfill, & Transfer Station, Cohoes, NY**  
Jeff Burrier, District General Manager - Eastern, Waste Connections. Transportation will be provided.
- 12 Noon **Bus returns, Lunch provided, Door Prize Award (must be present to win)**

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# 2026 LANDFILL OPERATOR CERTIFICATION REGISTRATION and PAYMENT FORM



## Registration

*Member\**

*Non-Member*

By March 6       \$185.00       \$235.00

*\*NYSASWM will honor discount to any SWANA (NY) or NYSAR<sup>3</sup> member.  
Register by March 6.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(as you would like it to appear on your name badge)*

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am taking the **Town of Colonie Landfill & Transfer Station Tour**.  
Number attending \_\_\_\_\_  
9:00 a.m. Wednesday. No cost. *See following page for description.*

## Payment Method

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed (*Make check payable to: NYSASWM*)

- VISA       MasterCard       AmEx       Municipal Voucher

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(exactly as it appears on card)*

Card Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration: Month: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Last three numbers on signature line: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration form and payment should be mailed, emailed, or faxed:**

NYSASWM c/o Susan McIntyre  
108 Crandall Rd  
Mt Upton, NY 13809  
Email: Nysaswm@gmail.com  
Phone: 607-316-4259  
Fax registration: 518-465-0506

## HOTEL INFORMATION

**Holiday Inn**  
**232 Broadway**  
**Saratoga Springs, NY 12866**

NYSASWM has been offered special rates for this hotel. See the hotel registration form for pricing and meal information.

To obtain these special rates, you must make reservations by **March 1, 2026**, and indicate that you are participating in this Landfill Operator Training session. You must complete the enclosed “Hotel Reservation Form” from the Holiday Inn - and send it direct to the hotel to receive special pricing. You can contact the hotel directly: **Julie Tierney**  
[Jtierney@saratogahi.com](mailto:Jtierney@saratogahi.com)  
(518) 584-4550.

**NOTE: Don't forget to fill out BOTH the hotel and NYSASWM registration forms and submit each to the correct organization**

### *Continuing Education Contact Hours*

*This conference will also offer contact hours for continuing education for New York State Professional Engineers. Up to 6 Contact Hours will be available for this two day event.*

## **TOWN OF COLONIE LANDFILL & TRANSFER STATION TOUR**

\*Capital Region Landfills, Inc. has been the sole operator of the Town of Colonie Landfill at 4 Arrowhead Lane, Cohoes, since 2011. They provide non-hazardous recycling and landfill disposal services to commercial, industrial, municipal and residential customers. The landfill accepts municipal solid waste (MSW), special waste, and materials involving solidification. Various system upgrades to the gas collection system have been done and all regulatory issues are handled by the company.

Jeff Burrier, District General Manager - Eastern, Waste Connections will conduct the tour. Transportation will be provided (Please sign up on registration form.)

\*From their website <https://www.wasteconnections.com>

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**SARATOGA SPRINGS**

232 Broadway

Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Phone: (518) 584-4550

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Email: [Jtierney@saratogahi.com](mailto:Jtierney@saratogahi.com)

**No phone reservations. This form must be received by March 1, 2026.  
Reservations are on a first-come, first serve basis.**

Reservations made after March 1<sup>st</sup> are subject to hotel availability and rate is not guaranteed. **Email, fax or mail this form to the Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs, attn: Julie Tierney (or [Jtierney@saratogahi.com](mailto:Jtierney@saratogahi.com)).**

Faxes come directly to our Sales Office, (only open M-F; 8:00-5:00)

Your emailed confirmation should arrive within 3 business days.

**Check-in: 3 PM Check-out: 11 AM** – All accommodations are non-smoking.

**2 NIGHT PACKAGE: Accommodations for Monday & Tuesday Nights; with the following meals & gratuities:**

**Mon. Mar. 23 Welcome Dinner**

**Tue. Mar. 24 Breakfast Buffet, Morning Break, Lunch Buffet, Afternoon Break & Happy Hour Reception**

**Wed. Mr. 25 Breakfast Buffet, Morning Break, Lunch Buffet**

*Select your package choice:*

\_\_\_ Single Occupancy @ \$435.60 plus sales and occupancy tax (\$65.34) = \$500.94 total with tax

\_\_\_ Double Occupancy (per person) @ \$309.60 plus sales and occ tax (\$46.44) = \$356.04 per person total with tax

**1 NIGHT PACKAGE: Accommodations for Monday Night; with the following meals & gratuities:**

**Mon. Mar. 23 Welcome Dinner**

**Tue. Mar. 24 Breakfast Buffet, Morning Break, Lunch Buffet, Afternoon Break & Happy Hour Reception**

*Select your package choice:*

\_\_\_ Single Occupancy @ \$252.00 plus sales and occupancy tax (\$37.80) = \$289.80 total with tax

\_\_\_ Double Occupancy (per person) @ \$189.00 plus sales and occ tax (\$28.35) = \$217.35 per person total with tax

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note any dietary needs:**

*All reservations must be reserved with a credit card, purchase order or check made payable to "Holiday Inn"*

*Reservations made with no form of guarantee will not be accepted.*

*\*\* Cancellations must be received no later than 2 days prior to your arrival to avoid cancellation fees equal to the first night's charges. \*\**

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

One registration form is required for each attendee in the room. Please have your roommate complete and submit their own form listing you as their roommate. If your roommate is only sharing the room and is not attending sessions or meals please check here \_\_\_\_\_. No other forms will be required.

**To be considered tax exempt, a tax-exempt form must be submitted with this registration form.**



- ◆ *Discount registration for the Spring Federation Solid Waste Conference & Exhibitor Show at the Sagamore Hotel in Lake George*
- ◆ *Discount registration for the March Certification Course and Annual Fall NYSASWM Conference and Exhibitor Show*
- ◆ *Subscription to NYSASWM e-news*
- ◆ *Track legislation on behalf of the membership and alert members to bills that may have an impact on their systems*
- ◆ *Scholarship Program with first consideration given to children of NYSASWM members*
- ◆ *Internship and research grant programs*
- ◆ *Countless opportunities for networking and technology transfer as a member of the largest organization representing solid waste managers in New York State*

## JOIN NYSASWM TODAY

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

#### New York State Association for Solid Waste Management

*Established 1975*

*Please complete the following:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Or, go on-line to <https://nysaswm.org> (click membership, create a password, pay by credit card).

Check type of membership:

- Municipal, political subdivision or public benefit corporation
- Other professional

NOTE: Only municipal political subdivision or public benefit agency official members are entitled to vote. Dues are per person (not per company) and are in effect for the calendar year.

Please make check payable to: NYSASWM (dues are \$105.00 per person per calendar year) and mail to:

**New York State Association for Solid Waste Management  
Membership Department, c/o NYSAC  
515 Broadway, Suite 402, Albany, NY 12207**

*Please note that while NYSASWM is a not-for-profit organization, membership dues are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution. To the extent permitted under the Internal Revenue Code, dues may be deducted as a business expense.*