

## ***NAWTEC Speaker Abstract***

### **Managing Anthrax Contaminated Waste**

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The purpose of the presentation is to describe what the Federal Government's guidance is on the many issues regarding the disposal of contaminated and/or previously contaminated anthrax wastes. The presentation will describe various disposal options and scenarios.

- Scenario One: waste is suspected of anthrax contamination but when tested, no anthrax appears;
- Scenario Two: waste is suspected of anthrax; confirmed anthrax contamination, on-site treatment of anthrax and final disposal;
- Scenario three: suspected of anthrax, confirmed anthrax contamination, on-site treatment, off-site treatment and final disposal.

I will cover topics such as decontamination, testing protocol, roles and responsibilities of the State, local and Federal governments, the owner of the facility, the owner and operator of the planned disposal facility, the waste haulers and the On-Scene-Coordinator. I will also discuss the documentation that will probably be available on Anthrax known as the National Response Team's document entitled: Technical Assistance Document for Anthrax Response. I will focus on the role of incineration with regards to the disposal of anthrax contaminated waste and/or decontaminated waste.

Thea McManus has a degree in Public Administration from American University. She has worked for the EPA for 24 years, and some major accomplishments include: Established the outreach and public education branch for the Office of Solid Waste. She served as Branch Chief of the Municipal Information and Analysis Branch. In this capacity she developed a Tribal program for the management of their municipal solid waste, developed additional Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines for the federal government for the purchase of recycled products, managed many revisions to the Subtitle D municipal solid waste landfill regulations and disaster debris issues. Ms. McManus is currently Acting Director for the Municipal and Industrial solid Waste Division providing leadership over OSW's recycling and waste minimization programs such as Waste-Wise and the Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines program, the municipal solid waste landfill program, the special waste program including Oil and Gas, Fossil Fuel and non-hazardous waste Industrial D voluntary program.