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# RCRA @ 40 Years & Beyond

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DEEP, McCarthy Auditorium



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# RCRA at 40 - Food for Thought

- Things that work well together:
  - A.R.D. & RCRA at 40
  - Regulators & Regulated/stakeholders
  - Environmental Protection & Economy

(Peanut Butter & Chocolate)



# RCRA at 40 - Changes

- What's changed over 40 years?
  - Phones: rotary to cell
  - Bob Dylan: musician to Nobel prize
  - Autos: basic to highly computerized
  - just about everything



# RCRA at 40 – Mr. “Rick-Rah”

- Early years: crying and dirty diapers
- Teens: monitoring for substances (TCLP)
- 20s - making the right decisions
- 30s - mature, independent, & next generation

HWAC – is like meeting for the holidays to catch up & share, but with less wine



# RCRA at 40 - Why HWAC Works

- STAKEHOLDERS

(Rick, Earl, Jeremy, steering committee, etc.)

- Deep (depth of) DEEP expertise
- WEED & Remediation, = centuries of collective experience
- small meeting, brings together 100+yrs



# RCRA at 40 – DEEP experts

– True national experts:

- Corrective Action/Remediation
- DEEP Counsel (thanks Dean)
- COMPASS & Tech Assistance,
- Inspection & Enforcement Staff,
- RCRA Permitting writer, Info MGMT
- Millennials – newer & Next Gen experts



# RCRA at 40 - Some highlights

- Technical Assistance Program:  
(CE&SQG/LQG guidance, HWAC, 888 & website)
- 10,000+ inspections = 150+ inspector years
- Compliance Assurance & Balanced Enforcement:
- Few C.O.'s of \$100+K, meaningful remedies  
(HD, CVS, CAR, compliance plans, etc)



# RCRA at 40 - Some not so good

- A few "bad actors" along the way = Civ/Crim:
  - Rosemill: fire, residential evacuated for ER, court time
  - Perc drums: abandoned, "Reservoir" Rd, ER
  - Sound: on-site disposal/new TSDF
  - Hansen Whitney/Bennington Tool: abandonment, lock-out, ER



# RCRA at 40 - What we see today

- TSDf Part B renewals – Pratt & Whitney E.H.
  - True state of the art facility
  - Numerous above and beyond law features (tracking/records, truck lock, leak curtains at tanks, etc.)
  - No public comments at info meetings, or NTD
  - This is where most RCRA facilities are and we Congratulate & THANK YOU.



# RCRA at 40 – Then, now, & next

- Wasn't easy getting here, but  
    “what a long strange trip it's been”
- HWAC is working
- Collaboration as we implement a more cooperative and sustainable Resource Conservation and Recovery program



# Questions?

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