

USWAG is responsible for addressing solid and hazardous waste issues on behalf of the utility industry. USWAG was formed in 1978, and is an informal consortium of approximately 80 utility operating companies, the Edison Electric Institute (EEI), the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), the American Public Power Association (APPA), and the American Gas Association (AGA). EEI is the principal national association of investor-owned electric power and light companies. NRECA is the national association of rural electric cooperatives. APPA is the national association of publicly-owned electric utilities. AGA is the national association of natural gas utilities. Together, USWAG member companies and trade associations represent more than 85 percent of the total electric generating capacity of the United States, and service more than 95 percent of the nation's consumers of electricity and over 93 percent of the nation's consumers of natural gas.

USWAG engages in regulatory advocacy pertaining to RCRA, TSCA, and HMTA. USWAG's Mission is to address the regulation of utility wastes, byproducts and materials in a manner that protects human health and the environment and is consistent with the business needs of its members.

## USWAG will fulfill its mission by:

- IDENTIFYING ISSUES relating to utility waste management;
- DEVELOPING POSITIONS AND PLANS to address existing and emerging waste issues;
- ADVOCATING PUBLIC POLICIES that allow utilities to manage wastes in a safe, environmentally protective, cost-effective manner, and that promote environmentally sound uses of coal combustion and clean coal technology byproducts;
- AIDING MEMBER COMPANIES in evaluating waste management options and in complying with federal waste management laws and regulations;
- PROVIDING FACTUAL INFORMATION on utility waste and byproduct management to the government, the media and to the general public; and,
- COORDINATING CLOSELY with the Electric Power Research Institute, the Institute of Gas Technology, the Gas Research Institute, the American Coal Ash Association, and with other utility industry groups that may be involved in or affected by utility waste and byproduct management.