NJIT TAB Conductions
Brownfields Seminar at
2019 ASTSWMO
Mid-Year Meeting

NJIT TAB designed and conducted a
brownfields seminar at the 2019 Association of
State and Territorial Solid Waste Management
Officials (ASTSWMO) Mid-Year Meeting in New
Brunswick, NJ.

The 2-day event was held on May 1 and 2, 2019.
The meeting drew approximately 320 registrants
from federal, state, and territorial governments
(including EPA) throughout the US and its
territories.

NJIT TAB’s seminar included three topics:
innovative ways TAB has provided services to
states, the Developer’s Perspective, and
Opportunity Zones. NJIT TAB developed the
session ideas in coordination with ASTSWMO
leadership. NJIT TAB identified and
coordinated with the expert speakers,
presented at, and facilitated the seminar.
Approximately 70 people attended the seminar.

In the Developer’s Perspective session of the
seminar, two real estate development attorneys
discussed how brownfields are viewed as real
estate investments with a different form of
distress, which creates risks and opportunities
for developers. The attorneys emphasized that
they view brownfields in terms of investment
opportunities, not necessarily in terms of “sites”.
The attorneys provided concrete examples of
how states can foster brownfield development,
while holding developers accountable.

In the Opportunity Zone session,
representatives from the NJ Division of
Community Affairs gave a broad overview of
the program and provided an update on the IRS
regulations as they pertains to brownfield sites.

Each session included an extensive Q & A with
the audience.

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