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**SWANA & NGVAmerica Partner to Develop Best Practices  
for  
Natural Gas-Powered Refuse Vehicles**

**Washington, DC and Silver Spring, MD** – On Tuesday, The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) and Natural Gas Vehicles for America (NGVAmerica) announce their collaboration to develop a new safety and best practices guide for fueling and maintaining natural gas powered refuse trucks. The document will provide the latest information used by fleets for safely operating collection and transfer vehicles that run on clean-burning and affordable natural gas.

SWANA's executive director and CEO, David Biderman said, "SWANA is very pleased to be working with NGVAmerica on this important project. NGVAmerica is the leading association working to promote the use of natural gas refuse vehicles, and SWANA is the largest association for the waste and recycling sector in North America, and we both have a strong commitment to safety. By working together and take advantage of each association's expertise, we expect the guidance document will provide critical information for members of both associations and others in the waste and recycling industry." Biderman added that SWANA and NGVA worked together last year on federal advocacy issues relating to the tax treatment of natural gas-fueled vehicles.

NGVA's president, Matthew Godlewski, said, "The refuse segment continues to be a strong growth driver in America's fleet of natural gas vehicles. Communities are demanding cleaner, quieter, more cost-effective options for the refuse vehicles running through their neighborhoods and natural gas delivers the best option. Our goal in partnering on this new document is to bring further awareness to best practices and demonstrate that safety continues to be the industry's top priority

NGVAmerica's Technology and Development Committee is leading the collaborative effort with SWANA. The committee is comprised of over 70 NGV industry stakeholders who work together to improve safety and maintenance issues, further codes and standards development, and the promote the latest innovation to improve the NGV experience for fleets and consumers.

Mr. Biderman will announce this joint work with NGVAmerica to develop a best practices document to ensure awareness of safety and related issues at the annual conference WasteExpo in the Las Vegas Convention Center. Specifically, Biderman will be at the NWRA Safety Committee meeting at noon PDT, June 7, 2016.

For more information about SWANA and its safety initiative and resources, please visit [SWANA.org/safety](http://SWANA.org/safety). For more information about the NGVAmerica visit [www.ngvamerica.org](http://www.ngvamerica.org)

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**About SWANA:**

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is an organization of more than 8,300 public and private sector professionals committed to advancing from solid waste management to resource management through their shared emphasis on education, advocacy and research. For more than 50 years, SWANA has been the leading association in the solid waste management field. SWANA serves industry professionals through technical conferences, certifications, publications and a large offering of technical training courses. For more information, visit [www.SWANA.org](http://www.SWANA.org).

**About NGVA:**

NGVA is the national trade association dedicated to the development of a growing, profitable, and sustainable market for vehicles powered by natural gas or biomethane. NGVAmerica represents more than 200 organizations interested in the promotion and use of natural gas and biomethane as transportation fuels. Our member companies are those that produce, distribute, and market natural gas and biomethane across the country; manufacture and service natural gas vehicles, engines, and equipment; and operate fleets powered by clean-burning gaseous fuels.



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