

GARY ALAN BENDA

- Internationally Recognized in Management, Business Development, Operations, Processing, Transportation, and Disposal of Radioactive and Mixed Radioactive/Hazardous Waste.
- Over Thirty-Nine Years of Governmental, Nuclear Utility and Industrial Radioactive Waste Management, D&D, and Environmental Remediation Experience.
- Directed Divisions and Large Staffs with Revenues of Over \$80 Million/Year.

Mr. Benda's leadership in executive conferences and broad experience in the DOE, industrial and at nuclear utilities keeps him on the leading edge of issues & resolutions with a vast network of contacts. He was involved in three successful acquisitions and has developed several new business lines for companies. He has instructed over 20 international professional courses on waste management, has moderated numerous public and government forums, and authored over 25 articles including a textbook chapter. In 2011, he has managed concurrently the three largest international radioactive waste technical programs: WM Symposia, ASME-ICEM, and EPRI. He has an MBA, a BS from Oklahoma State, MS degree in Health Physics from Georgia Institute of Technology, and is a Certified Health Physicist.

Gary Benda has been a contributing volunteer in the radioactive waste management field for over 39 years. He began his involvement with WM Symposia in 1979 when he presented his first paper. The next year in 1980 he joined the PAC and the ASME NED Radwaste Systems committee. He has attended every WM conference for 38 consecutive years.

In 1988, as the US EPA RCRA and CERCLA actions were passed and enforced, "Mixed Radioactive/Hazardous Waste" became an emerging issue with the nuclear utilities and governmental facilities. For the ASME, Mr. Benda co-founded the ASME Mixed Waste committee and co-organized two ASME international conferences on Mixed Waste.

Mr. Benda later expanded in serving the radioactive waste management field internationally. His role first started as an organizer and later he was requested to be an ASME instructor for ICEM, the International Conference on Environmental Remediation and Radioactive Waste Management. From 1999 to 2011, Mr. Benda was selected as the conference manager for six International conferences outside the US, resulted in over 2000 presentations.

From 1996 to 2002, Mr. Benda was also on the Executive Committee for the ASME Independent DOE Peer Review Process Liaison and Committee Member for the US DOE - Office of Science & Technology Environmental Management. Annually, this committee reviewed and critiqued selected radioactive technologies for the US government using national subject matter experts. ASME reports were also prepared and published annually for the DOE on these technical reviews of Radwaste activities.

In late 2002, WM Symposia hired Mr. Benda to be the Program Advisory Committee (PAC) Chair. Mr. Benda has held that position for over 15 years. In late 2009, his responsibilities were increased as the Deputy Managing Director and responsible for the financial conditions of WMS as well as the Conference technical program. He brought to WMS many suggestions that he had implemented at other conferences helping to direct WM on a more profitable direction.

In addition to the WM Symposia and ASME ICEM, Mr. Benda has maintained his contributions and knowledge of Utility Radwaste systems through ASME and EPRI. Since 2005, he has been the technical program coordinator for the annual EPRI International Utility LLW and D&D conference and the associated annual ASME / EPRI Utility Workshops.

His recent awards include the ASME - Fellow Award, the WM Symposia, Fellow Award and the ASME "Sarge Ozker" Radioactive Waste Management Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Benda is currently the Senior VP for Business Development for AVANTech, Inc in Columbia, SC. He is responsible for world-wide business development and generation of sales in the government and commercial nuclear markets for all of AVANTech's radioactive waste and water treatment services/systems. This includes technical assessments, infrastructure improvement recommendations, mergers and acquisitions for this \$40 million/year corporation.

He and his wife, Dianne, spend time with their two children's families, Alan and Ashleigh, on Lake Murray in SC.