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**ASIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS ARRIVE IN BALTIMORE TO MEET
WITH U.S. COUNTERPARTS**

***“US-ASIA ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP LINKS U.S. COMPANIES WITH ASIAN DECISION-
MAKERS TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY AND KNOW-HOW
TO ASIA”***

Washington, D.C. USA (June 14, 2002) – The United States – Asia Environmental Partnership (US-AEP) and the National Association of State Development Agencies (NASDA) will sponsor approximately 85 Asian delegates’ attendance at the Air & Waste Management Association’s (A&WMA) *Cooperation for a Better Environment 95th Annual Conference and Exhibition*, June 23-27, 2002, at the Baltimore Convention Center. US-AEP and NASDA created the annual opportunity to facilitate the transfer of the essential tools that Asia requires in order to help address the environmental challenges of the region. At this event, the Asian delegates forge partnerships with U.S. environmental technology experts and suppliers in one-on-one meetings facilitated by US-AEP and NASDA.

“US-AEP connects key Asian decision-makers to American environmental businesses and facilitates positive partnerships that support sustainable growth in Asia,” stated Dr. Randy Yamada, Managing Director, US-AEP - USAID. This comment underscores the US-AEP and USAID practice of promoting sustainable development in Asia through U.S. technology transfer to the region.

At the conference, the US-AEP will facilitate one-on-one meetings between American environmental professionals and over 80 Asian delegates from Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. Market experts from US-AEP will also be available for private consultations with U.S. companies interested in expanding into the Asian marketplace.

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The annual A&WMA conference and exhibition fosters technology exchange, professional development, networking opportunities, public education, and community outreach. It is one of the largest trade shows in the industry, with over 400 exhibitors. The event also builds an awareness of new environmental technologies and knowledge through the approximately 150 technical sessions, which include key speakers from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, US-AEP and additional federal and state agencies, as well as other industry experts.

The US-AEP's partnership programs facilitate the transfer of environmental technologies, expertise and practices to Asia from the United States, thereby helping to promote sustainable development in the region. These programs are also beneficial to the U.S. companies that participate; between 1993 and 2001, the US-AEP helped U.S. companies sell over \$1.4 billion dollars in environmental technologies and services in Asia. Over the past five years, the partnerships formed through one-on-one meetings at A&WMA's annual conferences and exhibitions have resulted in more than \$2 million in direct technology transfer from the U.S. to Asia.

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