

David Galvin

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Dave Galvin is program manager for the Hazardous Waste Management Unit in King County (Seattle, Wash.) His program addresses household and conditionally-exempt small quantity generator hazardous wastes in the Seattle metropolitan area. It serves as a major element of King County's source control program for its wastewater treatment system (complementary to its industrial pretreatment program) as well as its solid waste management system. Mr. Galvin coined the term "household hazardous waste" in 1980. He was the founding president of the North American Hazardous Materials Management Association. He conducted research on metals and organic chemicals in wastewater and stormwater in the Seattle area; was head of combined sewer overflow planning; and currently serves as board president of the Product Stewardship Institute. He has been trying to come up with some solutions to the complex waste pharmaceuticals issue for nearly ten years. Mr. Galvin holds a BA from Colby College in Waterville, Maine and was a Watson Fellow at the British Natural History Museum in London. He kayaks to work from his houseboat in Seattle.