

Our Founding Fathers

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Before the **Pollution Prevention Act of 1990**, states were dealing with the management of hazardous wastes in their own ways. In the mid-1980s, leading centers began collaborating to share particular strengths in local industries. MOM (Multi-Option Model) was an early attempt from Maryland that our Center improved by combining it with our WRAS (Waste Reduction Advisory System) and a Treatment Storage and Disposal System (TSD) also developed at our Illinois Center. Founding Director David Thomas and Assistant Director Gary Miller were instrumental in the formation of the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable, which provided a platform for stronger interstate cooperation. Thomas and Miller also provided guidance to legislators to include a permanent Pollution Prevention Resource Exchange in the 1990 federal law.