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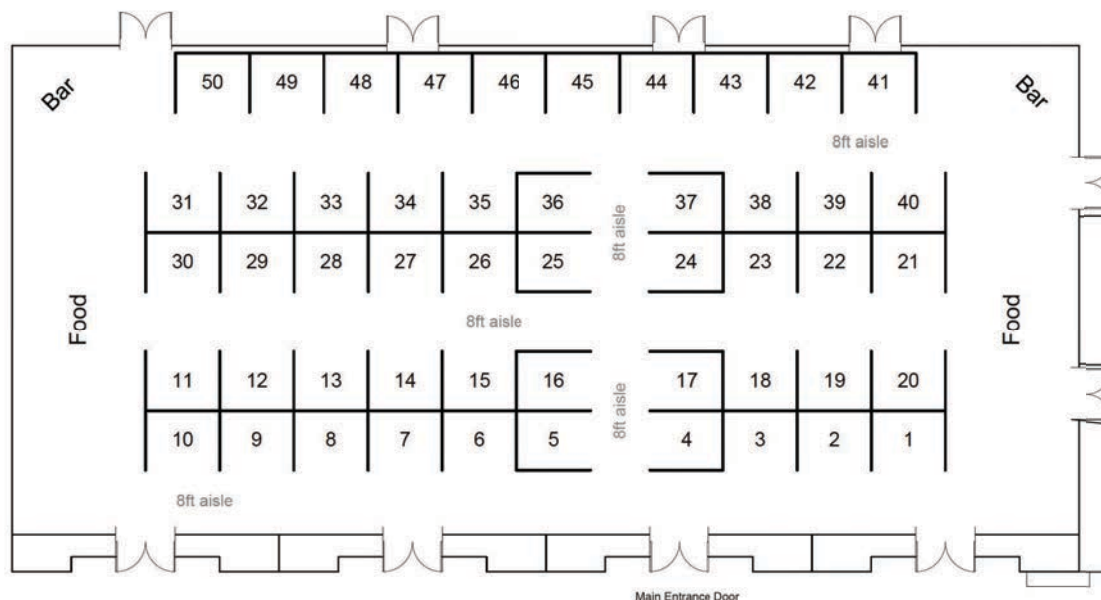
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Sunday, February 18, 2024

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1:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Registration Open	(Room: Emerald Ballroom Foyer)
1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Exhibitor Setup	(Room: Emerald Ballroom)
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Welcome Reception – Exhibit Hall	(Room: Emerald Ballroom)

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Monday, February 19, 2024

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7:15 am – 7:00 pm	Registration Open	(Room: Emerald Ballroom Foyer)
7:15 am – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast – Exhibit Hall	(Room: Emerald Ballroom)
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Opening Session	(Room: Coral Ballroom A & B)

Welcome: **Eugene (Gene) Jones**, CEO, Southern Waste Information eXchange, Inc.

Moderator: **Nancy Womack**, Director of Account and Sales Representatives Development, Greif, Inc.

Recycling Industry Update

Michael E. Hoffman, Managing Director and Group Head of Diversified Industrials Research, Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc.

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Fernando Antonio Wadskier, Director, Western Trading LLC and Grand Bay Corp.

Monday, February 19, 2024 (Continued)

10:00 am – 10:30 am Refreshment Break – Exhibit Hall (Room: Emerald Ballroom)

10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Session I:** (Room: Coral Ballroom A & B)
**Processing and Sorting Considerations
to Enhance Recycling Markets**

Moderator: **Eddie Tolentino**, Regional Sales Manager – West,
Greif, Inc.

***Recycled Glass Processing to Enhance the Quality
of End Products***

Joseph P. Curro, PE, BCEE, Principal and Senior Solid Waste
Engineer, CDM Smith

Smarter Systems, Superior Sorting

Jon Gertsmeier, National Director of Enterprise Sales, AMP

When to Consider Processing Construction & Demolition Materials

Robert Huffer, Eastern Regional Sales Manager, General Kinematics
Corporation

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch (Room: Coastal Ballroom B and C)

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm **Session II:** (Room: Coral Ballroom A & B)
**Innovations and Improvements in
Recycling**

Moderator: **Chaz Miller**, President, Miller Associates

***Innovations in Recycling and Repurposing:
What Organizations Can Do Better***

Keyna Cory, Executive Director, Florida Recycling Partnership
Foundation

***Improving Quality: Taking a Data-centric Review to Process
Improvement***

Melissa Filiaggi, Division Chief of Operations, Maryland Environmental
Service

***How Will Textile/Clothing Reuse, Repurpose and Recycling Help
Preserve the Earth's Natural Resources***

Bryan Waugh, Senior Director of Sales/Fundraising/Contact Center/
Community Relations, Brook Valley Management, Inc.

Monday, February 19, 2024 (Continued)

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm Refreshment Break – Exhibit Hall (Room: Emerald Ballroom)

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Session III:** (Room: Coral Ballroom A & B)
**Waste Conversion Technologies and
Alternative Fuels**

Moderator: **Richard A. Olliver**, Partner, Energy Transaction
Advisors (ETA)

Alternative Fuels

Brad J. Petchulis, Account Executive, VLS Environmental Solutions, LLC

Turning Organic Waste to Energy and Fertilizer

Jenny Jaegal, Business Development Manager, Bigadan

Using MSW as a Feedstock for Conversion and Other Uses

Bradley Kelley, Senior Project Engineer, Gershman, Brickner &
Bratton, Inc. (GBB)

Why Struggle With Costly, Low Recycling Rates, and High Contamination Rates When One Can Recycle to 100% at Zero Cost

Glen Tobiason, President and CEO, InnoWaCon, LLC

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Reception - Exhibit Hall (Room: Emerald Ballroom)

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Tuesday, February 20, 2024

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8:15 am – 12:00 pm Registration Open (Room: Emerald Ballroom Foyer)

8:15 am – 9:00 am Continental Breakfast – Exhibit Hall (Room: Emerald Ballroom)

9:00 am – 10:00 am **Session IV:** (Room: Coral Ballroom A & B)
Transporting Recyclables

Moderator: **Sidney Wildes, Sr.**, Partner, Waste 2 Solutions

Rail and Recycling; What Does the Future Look Like

Brian Smalley, Senior Director Marketing & Sales, National Steel
Car N.A., Inc.

Tackling the Threat of Abandoned Cargo

Anupa Pradhan, Vice President - Import Contracts, Sealink
International, Inc.

10:00 am - 10:30 am Refreshment Break - Exhibit Hall (Room: Emerald Ballroom)

10:30 am - 12:00 pm **Session V:** (Room: Coral Ballroom A & B)
Food Recovery and Diversion Session

Moderator: **Karen S. Moore**, Environmental Administrator, Division of
Waste Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
(Tentative)

Food Recovery Overview & Means Database

Emily Grant, Senior Program Manager, Means Database

Field Gleaning: Reduce Food Waste & Fight Hunger Locally

Meghan C. Baxley, Panhandle Gleaning Coordinator, Society of
St. Andrew

11:00 am – 6:00 pm **Golf Outing**
Golfer Sign-in 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Shotgun Start 12:30 pm



12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch On Your Own

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Networking Session (On your own)

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

8:30 am – 10:30 pm	Registration Open	(Room: Emerald Ballroom Foyer)
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast	(Room: Emerald Ballroom Foyer)
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Session VI: Organic Waste Regulations and Choosing the Right Technologies	(Room: To Be Announced)

Moderator: **Christopher Perry**, Planner I, Division of Waste Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Tentative)

Florida Organics Recycling Update

Karen S. Moore, Environmental Administrator, Division of Waste Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Tentative)

Organic Diversion vs Recycling Capacity: Are You Ready?

MacKenzie Bernhard, Sales Engineer, ECONWARD TECH

***A Strategic Plan & Environmental Management System Lead
Chicago to Composting for Class A Biosolids***

Daniel E. Collins, Biosolids & Environmental Management System Consultant, Collins Environmental, LLC

10:30 am SERC 2024 Adjournment

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Moderator and Speaker Profiles

**Moderators and Speakers appear
in order of listing on the agenda.**

EUGENE (GENE) JONES



Eugene (Gene) Jones

Eugene (Gene) Jones, Executive Director, Southern Waste Information Exchange, Inc. (SWIX)

Bio:

Gene Jones serves as Executive Director of the Southern Waste Information Exchange (SWIX), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which has been operating since 1981 assisting businesses and municipalities with their waste management and remediation issues.

In addition, Gene is a serial entrepreneur and brings over 42 years of experience with waste management and recycling in senior executive level positions. Over the past 42 years, he has successfully founded, built and sold several businesses including Environmental Management & Consulting Services, Inc., Advanced Derived Fuels, LLC, Hazardous Substance and Waste Management Research, Inc., Environmental Industry Conference Management, LLC, FieldClean of Florida, LLC, Landcare Equipment Sales and Services, LLC. and his latest venture Florida Industrial Hemp Company, LLC.

Gene is based in Florida and specializes in building strategic relationships with waste recycling firms and brings a vast network of associations in the recycling sector from his work in organizing conferences such as:

Conferences:

- the PFAS Forum,
- the Agricultural Plastics Recycling Conference & Trade Show,
- the Waste Conversion Technology Conference & Trade Show,
- the Southeast Recycling Conference & Trade Show,
- the New Life for Closed Gas Stations Conference and Exhibition,
- the International Symposium on the Redevelopment of Manufactured Gas Plant Sites,
- the National Conference on Waste Exchange and Resource Reuse,
- Florida Medical Cannabis Conference & Exhibition,
- Florida Industrial Hemp Conference & Exhibition,
- Cannabis in Sports Conference, and
- Florida Remediation Conference.

Associations:

- Florida Agricultural Plastics Recycling Cooperative
- Florida BioFuels & BioEnergy Association, Inc.,
- Recycle Florida Today, Inc.,
- International Society of Technical & Environmental Professionals, Inc.,
- Florida Brownfields Association, Inc., and
- Keep Florida Beautiful, Inc.

Gene is a Martial Arts practitioner and has his 8th degree black belt in Shaolin GoJu and a 5th degree black belt in Nisei GoJu. Gene is also the Author of [Instant Self-Esteem: Empowering Self-Confidence](#) and [The Mindful Sensei](#).

Gene is also the inventor of the [Soap Bag Saver](#), which he designed for the reuse of leftover soap bars.

NANCY WOMACK



Nancy Womack

Nancy Womack, Director of Account and Sales Representatives Development, Greif

Bio:

This year, Nancy Womack celebrates thirty years in the Recycling Industry. In Nancy's current position as Director of Account and Representative Development with Greif, she manages the productivity of 13 Sales Associates. Prior to working in the private sector, Nancy assisted local municipalities in beginning and managing their curbside recycling programs. Nancy worked with local personnel to build and manage recycling collection centers and spent 10 years in this capacity through local Keep America Beautiful Affiliates in the cities of Macon, GA; Roswell, GA and Fulton County, GA. Nancy has served in the following volunteer capacities:

President, Keep GA Beautiful Executive Director's Association 1991

President, Georgia Recycling Coalition 2007

Georgia Recycling Coalition, Volunteer of the Year 2008

Honorary Board Member, Georgia Recycling Coalition

Vice President, Southeast Recycling Development Council 2012

Communications Chairperson, Paper Stock Industries – National Chapter of ISRI 2018-current

MICHAEL E. HOFFMAN



Presentation Title:

Recycling Industry Update

Michael E. Hoffman, Managing Director and Group Head of Diversified Industrials Research, Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc.

Abstract:

Get caught up on the current key issues influencing industry fundamentals with 35 year Wall Street veteran sell side analyst and NWRA Hall of Famer Michael E. Hoffman. He will touch on the current state of industry trends and then discuss critical themes he believes will impact what happens in recycling.

Bio:

Michael E Hoffman has 33 years of experience analyzing public and private companies in the solid and industrial waste market, the industry business model and the factors influencing success and failure in meeting the demands of the waste services market place.

CHAZ MILLER



Presentation Title:

Recycling Markets Update

Chaz Miller, President, Miller Associates

Abstract:

Why was 2023 such an unusual up, down and sideways year for paper, plastic and metal recycling markets? Will 2024 be any different? Chaz Miller has been tracking curbside recycling markets for many years. He will look at the impact of domestic and export markets, economic trends, consumer buying habits and other factors influencing recycling markets.

Bio:

Chaz Miller's career in waste and recycling spanned four decades with stints at the US EPA Office of Solid Waste, the Glass Packaging Institute and the National Waste and Recycling Association. He testified on waste and recycling issues at Congressional and state hearings and spoke at conferences throughout North America. He was a plenary panel speaker at the UN Zero Waste Conference in Tokyo and spoke at a paper recycling conference in China. He is a member of the Maryland Recycling Network Board and an ex officio member of the Board of the Northeast Recycling Council.

Although he is now retired from full time work, he consults and continues to write his award-winning column "The Circular File" for Waste360 and to speak at waste and recycling conferences in the United States and Canada. He chaired Montgomery County Aiming for Zero Waste Task Force. He was honored by the National Recycling Coalition for Lifetime Achievement.

RYAN FOX



Presentation Title:

Demand for OCC, An Outlook for 2024

Ryan Fox, Corrugated Market Analyst, Bloomberg Intelligence

Abstract:

You can't have old corrugated cartons without NEW corrugated cartons. In the US, that means boxes come from domestic consumption as well as from imported goods. We'll review what box demand and imports looked like in 2023, present scenarios for 2024, and offer some thoughts about the next few years of box demand.

Bio:

Ryan spent 10 years in packaging sales before jumping into industry reporting in 2020 with Bloomberg's Green Markets. He has since focused on forming relationships with box producers and building supply-and-demand models to better understand what moves the market. Ryan's love of data led to a variety of opportunities in the corrugated industry, beginning in 2010 at a small AICC member sheet plant in North Carolina. He was recruited to an integrated company in late 2014.

FERNANDO ANTONIO WADSKIER



Presentation Title:

Interaction Markets Virgin Pulp vs Waste Paper

Fernando Antonio Wadskier, Director, Western Trading LLC and Grand Bay Corp.

Abstract:

How can virgin pulp drive Waste Paper Market and the future on Virgin Pulp and Waste Paper for deink grades

Bio:

My name Fernando A Wadskier, a remarkable personality and eminent expert in the paper industry. Born in Valencia, Venezuela, and equipped with a college degree in International Business, Fernando brings with him an impressive 32 years of profound experience in all kinds of paper-related businesses. Fernando's journey began at a tissue paper mill in Venezuela, where he was in charge of sales and logistics for export markets of tissue parent rolls and finished products. During his first 8 years, he mastered various intricacies of the field, laying a robust foundation for his prosperous career. He then joined Georgia Pacific, serving as the Director of Latin America. Under his exemplary leadership, the company witnessed a tenfold increase in sales, growing from 9,000 tons per year to an astounding 90,000 tons in the Latin American market. His incredible achievements earned him prestigious accolades such as Trader of the Year and the Presidential Circle Award. Presently, Fernando is a top executive at Grand Bay Company, the largest tissue producer in Central and the northern part of South America. As the Director of International and Corporate Business, he is instrumental in developing corporate contracts for a myriad of paper products, including Virgin Pulp and Waste Paper for Grand Bay Corp and Western Trading LLC, located in Miami, Florida. Fernando is not just a businessman; he is a mentor and a great team player. His knack for developing talent has consistently elevated businesses to new and higher levels. A family man and a father of five boys, he takes pride in the fact that two of them are already following in his footsteps, marking the third generation of Wadskiers in the paper industry. In his current role, Fernando's vision, dedication, and unmatched expertise continue to be an inspiration and driving force in the industry.

EDDIE TOLENTINO



Eddie Tolentino

Eddie Tolentino, Regional Sales Manager – West, Greif, Inc.

Bio:

To be submitted.

JOSEPH CURRO



Presentation Title:

Recycled Glass Processing to Enhance the Quality of End Products

Joseph P. Curro, PE, BCEE, Principal and Senior Solid Waste Engineer, CDM Smith

Abstract:

Reducing glass containers to uniform pieces through crushing and screening is common and in widespread use. However, these processes, although producing a fairly uniform sized product, do not address the 'fluff' and adhered label bits inherent in this type of glass processing. By removing the labels completely in a dry process, a clean, dry, uniform sized product, ranging roughly from 'dust' to $\frac{1}{4}$ " + pieces can be produced. In most cases the uses for these products are independent of glass color and, in some cases, the mixed color nature of the product actually enhances its use.

Bio:

Mr. Curro is a principal engineer with CDM Smith in Boston, Massachusetts. He has more than 50 years of experience in solid waste projects. He has served as the lead design engineer for numerous recycling, mechanical waste processing, landfill, incineration and waste reclamation systems. He has developed and implemented a number of innovative systems for recyclables processing and materials recovery.

JON GERTSMEIER



Presentation Title:

Smarter Systems, Superior Sorting

Jon Gertsmeier, National Director of Enterprise Sales, AMP

Abstract:

The waste and recycling industry is quickly adopting AI-driven solutions to automate the identification and sorting of recyclables from mixed material streams, enabling economic improvements via retrofits within today's waste management infrastructure. Technology suites are tackling the majority of non-automated sorting stations in a MRF, all dropping in without significant retrofits. Moreover, when integrated into a comprehensive facility solution, these technologies are helping lower processing costs, achieve more profitable sorting, and ultimately, expand recycling access and infrastructure. Explore how AI-powered sortation is enabling precise material separation, unprecedented chemical control, higher commodity values, and end markets; the latest advancements in recovery of film and flexible packaging; and more.

Bio:

Jon Gertsmeier is national director of enterprise sales for AMP, a leader in AI-powered sortation solutions for waste and recycling. He works with industry leaders to deploy AI-enabled retrofit and facility-scale solutions that increase productivity, overcome labor challenges, maximize purity rates, and generate more revenue for their recycling businesses.

Gertsmeier has more than 15 years of experience in the waste and recycling industry and a deep understanding of day-to-day materials recovery facility operations and the challenges of running a successful business. A trusted leader in the industry, he has held multiple roles in sales management and business development. He received a bachelor's degree in business management from Indiana University.

ROBERT HUFFER



Presentation Title:

When to Consider Processing Construction & Demolition Materials

Robert Huffer, Eastern Regional Sales Manager, General Kinematics Corporation

Abstract:

Discuss entry level C&D processing operations to high rate facilities processing more than 1000 Tons/Day. Share an example of a business case showing how the overall ROI is established.

Bio:

Bob Huffer is General Kinematics' Eastern Regional Manager. With over 25 years of experience at GK, Bob has extensive knowledge of the challenges Recyclers face today. In his previous roles in Design Engineering and Field Service Manager, Bob gained a wide range of technical knowledge in many different processes and developed a keen eye for GK Vibratory Technology Solutions. Currently located in Florida, Bob works with many recycling facilities throughout the Southeastern US. He has a BS in Engineering from Illinois State University.

CHAZ MILLER



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KEYNA CORY



Presentation Title:

Innovations in Recycling and Repurposing: What Organizations Can Do Better

Keyna Cory, Executive Director, Florida Recycling Partnership Foundation

Abstract:

This presentation will highlight top Florida companies recycling and sustainability programs. It is designed to give real examples of different recycling programs from leading Florida companies. The presentation will discuss the environmental and economic benefits of recycling and how they got their team members involved and the opportunities for other companies in the Southeast to learn from.

Bio:

Keyna Cory is the Executive Director for the Florida Recycling Partnership Foundation. She has worked in the recycling and solid waste industry for over 30 years. Keyna started by representing the National Waste & Recycling Association - FL Chapter before the Florida legislature and state agencies. Ten years ago, she was tapped to become the Executive Director for the Florida Recycling Partnership Foundation. FRPF mission is to educate policy makers, business leaders and the public about the benefits of recycling. During her time, she has coordinated over 35 events and 2 different studies.

MELISSA FILIAGGI



Presentation Title:

Improving Quality: Taking a Data-centric Review to Process Improvement
Melissa Filiaggi, Division Chief of Operations, Maryland Environmental Service

Abstract:

Process improvement can be daunting and measuring success can be difficult. This presentation will focus on quick, low-investment, data collection that can be used to assess MRF processes, sorter performance, and commodity quality.

Bio:

Melissa Filiaggi is a Division Chief of Operations with Maryland Environmental Service where she oversees the operations of a 75,000 TPY MRF, 70,000 TPY organics composting facility, a leachate pretreatment facility and other projects. Ms. Filiaggi holds a Masters degree in Biology and is an active member of the Maryland Recycling Network. She was selected as a Waste 360 40 under 40 Award Winner in 2019.

BRYAN WAUGH



Presentation Title:

How Will Textile/Clothing Reuse, Repurpose and Recycling Help Preserve the Earth's Natural Resources

Bryan Waugh, Senior Director of Sales/Fundraising/Contact Center/Community Relations, Brook Valley Management, Inc.

Abstract:

Presentation about how textile reuse, repurpose and recycling will have a positive impact on the environment. Education on the circular impact of textile recycling. Presentation the overall state of textile recycling and the sustainability in the future.

Bio:

I have been in clothing and house item collection for over 15 years. I currently for a company that owns thrift stores from Texas to Florida. I am the senior director of sales, fundraising and community relations for United Clothing Donation Services.

RICHARD A. OLLIVER



Richard A. Olliver

Richard A. Olliver, Partner, Energy Transaction Advisors (ETA)

Bio:

Mr. Olliver has over 40 years experience in the global energy and infrastructure industries. His current focus is on the Energy sector, with an ***emphasis on energy process technology analysis and commercialization for the waste-to-energy (WTE) sector***, consistent with the concepts of cleantech, green technologies, sustainability, decarbonization, the circular economy and landfill diversion.

He is recognized globally as an authority on ***PYROLYSIS, GASIFICATION & SYNGAS GENERATION***, with recent assignments in the ***Renewable Energy sector, mainly biomass and plastics conversion***, to produce syngas and higher value products, including hydrogen, methanol, ammonia, DME and other derivatives.

Mr. Olliver, based in Houston, Texas, USA, is a Partner at Energy Transaction Advisors (ETA), providing technical and commercial advisory services to clients in the oil & gas, refining, gasification, power and petrochemical arena.

BRAD J. PETCHULIS



Presentation Title:

Alternative Fuels

Brad J. Petchulis, Account Executive, VLS Environmental Solutions, LLC

Abstract:

VLS Environmental Services is an alternative fuel manufacturing company that is in Branford, Florida. We also have several locations across the United States. We have the capability to help you achieve Zero Landfill with material that needs to be recycled and cannot or is very difficult to do so. We manufacture an energy-dense, renewable fuel product used to replace coal in cement production. Our fuel product is manufactured from waste materials that typically end up in landfills.

Bio:

Brad Petchulis graduated Albright College. Married for 32 years with two boys. I build supply chains for the largest alternative fuel company in the US. I have worked with some of the largest companies in the US Walmart, Publix, Rooms to Go, Waste Pro, and many more. I have been able to successfully divert 180,000 tons of material from landfill.

JENNY JAEGAL



Presentation Title:

Turning Organic Waste to Energy and Fertilizer

Jenny Jaegal, Business Development Manager, Bigadan

Abstract:

Bigadan stands as a prominent global leader in the biogas industry, excelling in the conversion of challenging waste streams into valuable products through anaerobic digestion. With our roots in Denmark, our legacy spans over four decades, marked by the development of more than 40 biogas plants worldwide. Bigadan is developing biogas plants in the U.S., and aims to provide sustainable waste management solutions for locally generated pre- and post-consumer food waste, agriculture residues, and industrial organic waste.

Bio:

Jenny is Bigadan's first American employee that is contributing to the development of U.S. biogas projects. Her role encompasses cultivating partnerships with local biomass suppliers, biogas off-takers, and fertilizer applicators. Prior to her current role, Jenny worked on solid waste reduction projects in Florida's public and private sectors, and holds a master's degree in Global Sustainability, as well as a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science.



BRADLEY KELLEYN



Presentation Title:

Using MSW as a Feedstock for Conversion and Other Uses

Bradley Kelley, Senior Project Engineer, Gershman, Brickner & Bratton, Inc. (GBB)

Abstract:

The goal of this talk is to discuss the perspective of MSW as a feedstock from the recent meeting of the Feedstock Conversion Interface Consortium (FCIC) at Oak Ridge National Labs. FCIC has mostly been focused on biological feedstocks such as corn stover and woody waste, but is beginning to explore MSW as a potential feedstock for conversion technology. (Not alone in this, but this is one of the few non-private sectors looking at MSW conversion). We will talk about some of the issues with nomenclature and discuss how haulers and processors might provide samples for further research. We will also discuss some of the issues they are seeing with MSW feedstocks such as variability and handling of the materials and the current landscape of MSW processing. In conclusion, we will also discuss how revisiting Wet/Dry collections might provide MSW feedstocks that would be more easily converted to either fuel or to reusable base chemicals instead of the current black-bag systems.

Bio:

Mr. Kelley has over 25 years of engineering design experience both as a consultant and in the private sector. As part of his background for equipment manufacturers, he has worked on the concept and design of a multitude of processing systems for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), single stream, construction waste and demolition debris (C&D), biomass, and waste-to-energy projects. He is the concept designer of two facilities, one for single stream processing and one for C&D processing, that were presented Gold Excellence Awards by the Solid Waste Association of North America.

GLEN TOBIASON



Presentation Title:

Why Struggle With Costly, Low Recycling Rates, and High Contamination Rates When One Can Recycle to 100% at Zero Cost

Glen Tobiason, President & CEO, InnoWaCon, LLC

Abstract:

The status quo on recycling methods today is antiquated, energy, money, and time consuming. Recycling carts containing “contaminants” cause headaches. Certain materials “can’t be recycled” so we are led to believe. The trucks on the road picking up this material are sources of pollution and a safety issue. The downstream processing and transport of this material uses quite a bit of energy and other resources. PFAS in materials is a nightmare. There is no such thing as single-use plastics or materials. MSW, MLW and a host of other wastes can be 100%-Recycled with 100%-Diversion, 100%-Sustainably with Zero-Emissions, Zero-Cost, Zero-Landfilling. All waste, including sewage sludge, medical waste, wind turbine blades, tires, mattresses, Sargassum, PFAS, the so-called “forever chemicals” among other difficult to handle wastes are completely broken down to their basic elements in the commercially available and proven process being presented. This presentation will give an overview of what waste can be 100% recycled with Zero Emissions, Zero Landfill and Zero Cost with this proven service. A short technical overview along with appropriate scalable deployment options will be presented.

Bio:

Glen Tobiason has received his Bachelors degree in Mechanical Engineering from Northeastern University, Boston. Glen has over fourteen years of in-depth experience with the Maximum Yield Technology (MYT®) of the ZAK. Being fluent in both English and German, he has introduced the benefits of MYT® to various countries and cultures. Glen has now founded the InnoWaCon LLC to market this and other waste conversion technologies in North America.

SIDNEY WILDES, SR.



Sidney Wildes, Sr.

Sidney Wildes, Sr., Partner, Waste 2 Solutions

Bio:

Sidney Wildes has been a member of the recycling/ waste industry since 1977, most of his career has been in Manufacturing a full line of equipment where he was Manager over the entire operations of 2 separate plants as well as co-founder and owner, now his days are consumed with equipment distribution and rebuilding. During his career Sidney has been very active in the ANSI standards for Balers, Compactors, Conveyors and MRF's. Serving on many Industry Boards targeting toward consistent manufacturing and safety protocols; his entire career has been serving the recycling industry while trying to make a difference in the improvement of our Quality and Safety Standards. Sidney is very proud to continue working hard for our Industry, assisting companies in evaluating their recycling needs, recommending new technology to Improve productivity, product quality and minimizing freight cost. Currently Sidney and his Son (Waste 2 Solutions) are Distributors of complete lines of new and used equipment as well as full service/ support capabilities.

BRIAN SMALLEY



Presentation Title:

Rail and Recycling; What Does the Future Look Like

Brian Smalley, Senior Director Marketing & Sales, National Steel Car N.A., Inc.

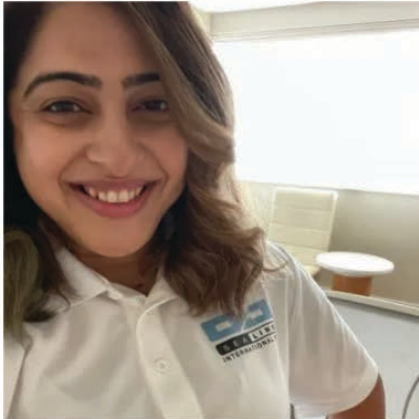
Abstract:

An overview of the current market and the landscape for new and existing rail equipment. A general market forecast with insight on both the future of OEM production and the lease market for existing equipment.

Bio:

Brian Smalley is currently Senior Director Marketing & Sales, National Steel Car, responsible for marketing, sales and leasing of railcars in the US and Mexico. He joined the rail industry in 2007 after serving as a US Marine for 15 years. He received a B.A. in Business with Honors from The Citadel in 1998, an M.B.A. from Gonzaga University in 2006, and an M.B.A. Executive Leadership Strayer University in 2018. Brian is a Past-President of the Transportation Club of Houston and serves on the Board of Directors for the North East Association of Rail Shippers. He is active in many veteran mentoring programs and a member of several other professional transportation organizations. He and his wife Ninette have five children and reside in Conroe, TX.

ANUPA PRADHAN



Presentation Title:

Tackling the Threat of Abandoned Cargo

Anupa Pradhan, Vice President - Import Contracts, Sealink International, Inc.

Abstract:

We have all heard this ominous word. "Abandoned cargo" literally can send shivers down a freight forwarders spine. With a handful of Shipping Lines left to work with, it has become common practice for the shipping line to hold the freight forwarder and their bond responsible for abandoned cargo. Why do shipping lines treat this word with such aggression that they will not only stop any future business with you, but also make the worst decisions that involve sending cargo back to origin? The answer to this question is actually quite simple. I would like to explore this in my presentation so that every shipper or buyer is aware of what goes on behind every container that is either abandoned or being close to abandoned.

Bio:

I currently hold the position of being the Vice President of Sealink International which is the largest exporter of recycled cargo out of North America. We are a freight forwarder and NVOCC, and have been in this industry since 2003. I also have a seat as a member council on Nyshex. Personally I have been heavily involved with metal scrap shipping however waste paper has been on the rise for the last 4 years for sure.

SESSION V: FOOD RECOVERY AND DIVERSION SESSION

Tuesday, February 20, 2024
10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Session V: Food Recovery and Diversion Session

Moderator: **Karen S. Moore**, Environmental Administrator, Division of Waste Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Tentative)

Food Recovery Overview & MEANS Database

Emily Grant, Senior Program Manager, MEANS Database

Field Gleaning: Reduce Food Waste & Fight Hunger Locally

Meghan C. Baxley, Panhandle Gleaning Coordinator, Society of St. Andrew

Session Description:

In the heart of the Sunshine State, agriculture thrives, but so does food insecurity. How can 40% of food be wasted and 1 in 9 Floridians are food insecure? This session aims to shed light on the crucial aspects of food recovery and diversion in Florida. With a focus on actionable strategies and solutions, this session will explore innovative approaches from MEANS Database, Society of St. Andrew and Florida Department of Environmental Protection to keep food out of the landfill and onto people's plates.



Karen Moore

Karen S. Moore, Environmental Administrator, Division of Waste Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Bio:

Karen Moore is currently the Environmental Administrator for the Waste Reduction (Recycling) and Waste Registration Section for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. With 20 years of environmental experience, Karen previously worked as the recycling coordinator in North Carolina and the Department's Recycling Program, as well as, the successful Florida Green Lodging Program prior to her working as an engineer for the Petroleum Restoration Program.



Emily Grant

Emily Grant, Senior Program Manager, MEANS Database

Bio:

I am deeply passionate about food recovery, social justice, gardening and art. I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in Urban Studies and Spanish, and I am currently learning Portuguese so I can speak with my husband's family in Brazil. I have over 7 years of experience program planning and over 5 years of professional work in the Florida food system. When I am not coordinating the donation of excess food, you can find me taking care of my 40+ plants, playing with my dog Ziggy, or being a cookie monster.



Meghan C. Baxley

Meghan C. Baxley, Panhandle Gleaning Coordinator, Society of St. Andrew

Bio:

I am a 20 year HR professional as my profession with a passion for food recovery. I am a life long Florida panhandle resident. I began working for Society of St. Andrew in August of 2023 part-time and our goal is to bring food recovery through gleaning to the panhandle.

CHRISTOPHER PERRY



Christopher Perry

Christopher Perry, Planner I, Division of Waste Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Bio:

Christopher Perry is a planner with Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Waste Reduction and Recycling Program. He manages the Public Sector Recycling reporting program, the Recycling Business Assistance Center, and specializes in education and outreach through partnership initiatives including Florida State University's Sustainability Fellowships Program, Florida Food Recovery Coalition, and a variety of the department's campaigns to reduce food waste and increase recycling participation.

KAREN MOORE



Presentation Title:

Florida Organics Recycling Update

Karen Moore, Environmental Administrator, Division of Waste Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Abstract:

Ms. Moore will provide an overview of composting regulations and possible upcoming changes.

Bio:

Karen Moore is currently the Environmental Administrator for the Waste Reduction (Recycling) and Waste Registration Section for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. With 20 years of environmental experience, Karen previously worked as the recycling coordinator in North Carolina and the Department's Recycling Program, as well as, the successful Florida Green Lodging Program prior to her working as an engineer for the Petroleum Restoration Program.

MACKENZIE BERNHARD



Presentation Title:

Organic Diversion vs Recycling Capacity: Are You Ready?

MacKenzie Bernhard, Sales Engineer, ECONWARD TECH

Abstract:

Waste processing infrastructure faces growing pressure due to the expanding organic diversion from landfill programs, prompting operators to seek improved organic recycling technologies. ECONWARD TECH's innovative high-capacity thermal hydrolysis technology offers a solution for rapid enrichment of organic waste streams, producing hydrolyzed biomass ready for anaerobic digestion or composting within minutes.

Bio:

MacKenzie Bernhard serves as the sales engineer at ECONWARD TECH, leading the development of new business initiatives in the solid waste and biogas sectors across North America. Leveraging her expertise in chemical engineering and experience as a Division I athlete, she brings a competitive edge and a comprehensive understanding to tackle the technical requirements associated with the climate change crisis, particularly in the integration of solid waste and bioenergy through innovative solutions.

DANIEL E. COLLINS



Presentation Title:

A Strategic Plan & Environmental Management System Lead Chicago to Composting for Class A Biosolids

Daniel E. Collins, Biosolids & Environmental Management System Consultant, Collins Environmental, LLC

Abstract:

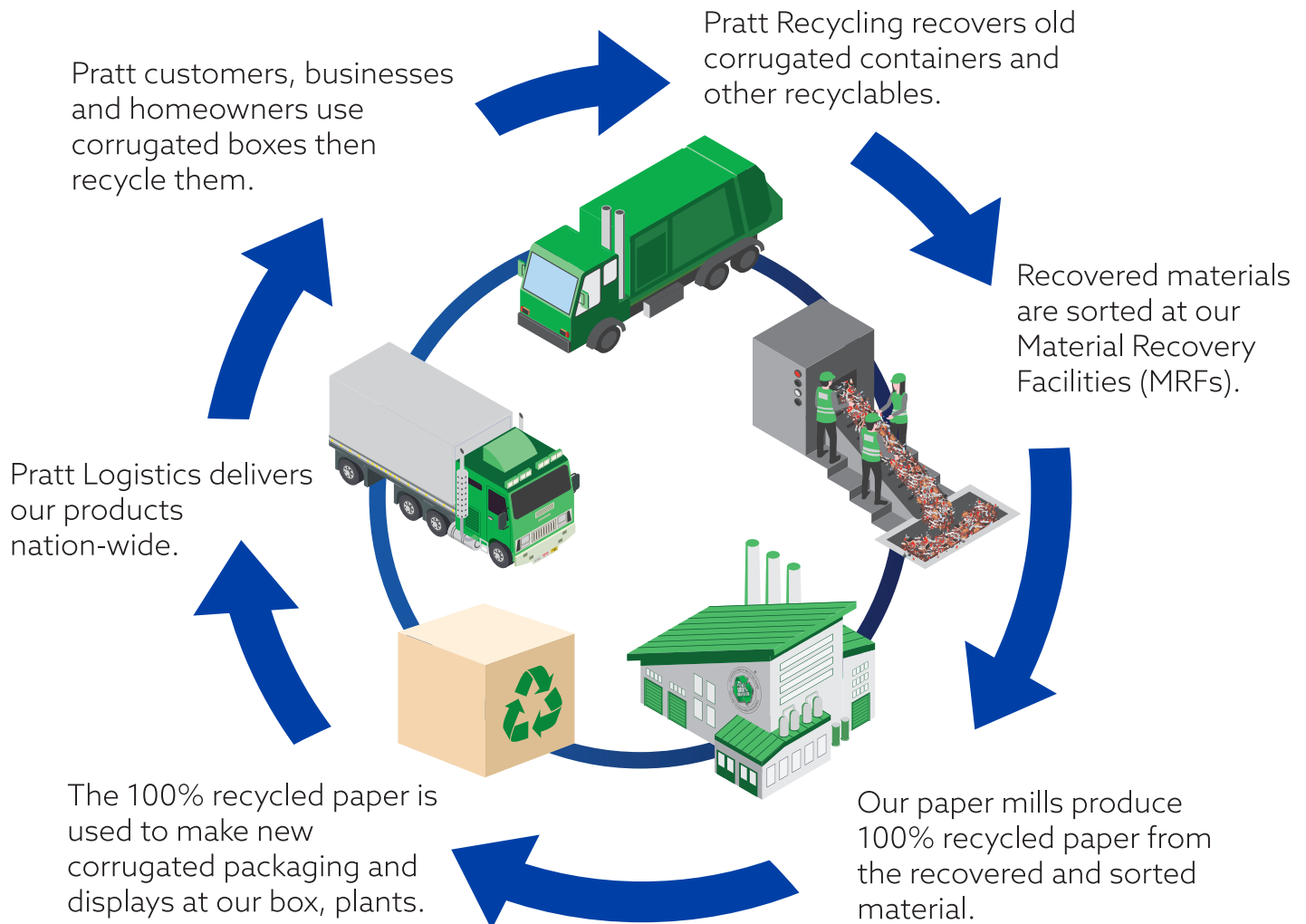
A triple bottom line analysis was utilized to support Chicago's strategic plan and Environmental Management Program in choosing a Class A technology for improved biosolids products.

Bio:

Dan retired from MWRD Chicago after 30+ years in biosolids management, beneficially utilizing over two million tons of biosolids throughout his career. Under his management landfill disposal was eliminated, Class A products increased, and annual costs were reduced, ranging from \$2-6M per WRP, through chemical, energy and maintenance cost savings and other best management practices. He implemented a GIS program for tracking metals, nitrogen and other loadings on farmland and, introduced two methods of composting in an effort to achieve a higher quality product. He was instrumental in legislative changes made in Illinois for biosolids acceptance and use. Dan served on an expert panel in Detroit for Biosolids Master Planning and has mentored various cities such as Houston, TX and Vancouver, B.C. in Environmental Management System implementation. He is an Illinois Water Environment Association's Past President, current WEF Delegate, serves on IWEA, WEF and NACWA Biosolids Committees, is a member of USCC and is the Chair of WEF's National Biosolids Partnership's Subcommittee. Since his retirement in 2017, Dan has been consulting in Biosolids and Environmental Management System fields while providing QA/QC consulting services for biosolids master planning. Professional Service and Affiliations Water Environment Federation: Chair of the National Biosolids Partnership Residuals and Biosolids Committee, Residuals and Biosolids Sustainability Sub-Committee, WEFTEC Program Committee for Biosolids IWEA: President (2017-2018), Executive Board (2014-2019, 2022-2025), WEF Delegate (2022-2025), Biosolids Committee Chairperson (2010-14), Biosolids Committee (2007-Present), Golf Committee Chair (2019-2023), InFlow and Membership Committees (2019-2022) NACWA: Residuals and Biosolids Committee U.S. Composting Council: Member

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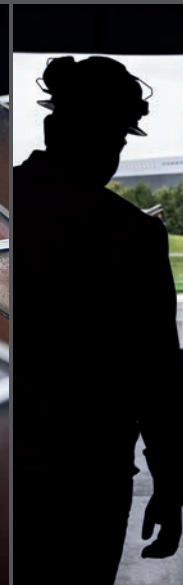
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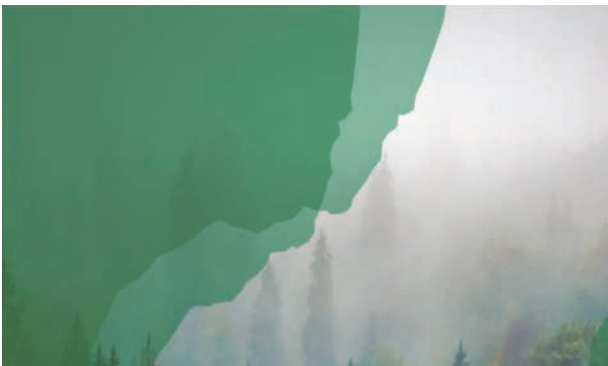
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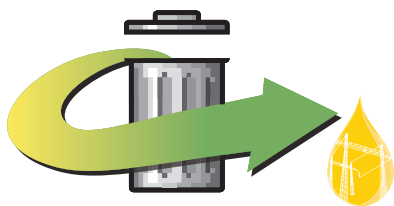
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Sunday, February 18, 2024

1:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Registration Open	(Room: Emerald Ballroom Foyer)
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Exhibitor Setup	(Room: Emerald Ballroom)
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Welcome Reception - Exhibit Hall	(Room: Emerald Ballroom)

Monday, February 19, 2024

7:15 am - 7:00 pm	Registration Open	(Room: Emerald Ballroom Foyer)
7:15 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast - Exhibit Hall	(Room: Emerald Ballroom)
8:00 am - 10:00 am	Opening Session	(Room: Coral A and B)
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Refreshment Break - Exhibit Hall	(Room: Emerald Ballroom)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Session I: Processing and Sorting Considerations to Enhance Recycling Markets	(Room: Coral A and B)
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch - Entrance through Exhibit Hall	(Room: Coastal Ballroom B and C)
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Session II: Innovations and Improvements in Recycling	(Room: Coral A and B)
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Refreshment Break - Exhibit Hall	(Room: Emerald Ballroom)
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Session III: Waste Conversion Technologies and Alternative Fuels	(Room: Coral A and B)
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Reception - Exhibit Hall	(Room: Emerald Ballroom)

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

8:15 am - 12:00 pm	Registration Open	(Room: Emerald Ballroom Foyer)
8:15 am - 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast - Exhibit Hall	(Room: Emerald Ballroom)
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Session IV: Transporting Recyclables	(Room: Coral A and B)
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Refreshment Break - Exhibit Hall	(Room: Emerald Ballroom)
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Session V: Food Recovery and Diversion Session	(Room: Coral A and B)
11:00 am - 6:00 pm	Golf Tournament	Baytown Golf Club
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch (on your own)	
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Networking Session (Networking on Individual Basis)	

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

8:30 am - 10:30 am	Registration Open	(Room: Coral Ballroom Foyer)
8:30 am - 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast	(Room: Coral Ballroom Foyer)
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Session VI: Organic Waste Regulations and Choosing the Right Technologies	(Room: Coral A)
10:30 am	Adjourn	