TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2016

8:30  Registration & Continental Breakfast (provided)

9:00  Welcome & Introductions – Robert Isner, Director, Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection & President, NERC’s Board of Directors

9:10  Keynote Panel Discussion - What recovery or recycling rate is achievable and how?
The session will explore different perspectives on realistic recycling rates and how they can be achieved.

Session Facilitator: Robert Isner, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection & President, NERC’s Board of Directors

Panelists
•  Technical Recycling Issues - JD Lindeberg, President, RRS (Resource Recycling Systems)
•  The Role of Zero Waste - Kate Bailey, Director, Eco-Cycle Solutions Project
•  Increasing Recycling in the Country’s Most Populated City—NYC - Christina Salvi, Assistant Director, Office of Recycling Outreach & Education, GrowNYC

Questions to be Addressed by the Panelists
•  What are the critical factors that determine a community's recovery or recycling rate?
•  Is it possible for communities to increase their rate? If so, how?
•  Is it financially viable for a community to increase its recycling rate?

10:35  Networking Break with Exhibitors

10:50  Happenings with Sustainable Packaging
Different strategies being used to promote and support sustainable packaging efforts will be introduced in the session. Session Facilitator: Elizabeth Bedard, Director, APR Rigid Plastics Recycling Program, Association of Plastics Recyclers

Speakers
•  Efforts to Reduce Toxics in Packaging by the TPCH (Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse) – John Gilkeson, TPCH Chair & Resource Management and Assistance Division, MN Pollution Control Agency
•  McDonald’s Journey Towards Sustainable Packaging – Jennifer McCrackin, Director, Sustainability, Packaging, Havi Group
•  Plastics Packaging Design for Recycling - Kristina Hansen, Technical Director, Plastics Forming Enterprises LLC

Questions to Be Addressed by the Speakers
•  How has the movement towards greater sustainability impacted the packaging industries?
•  What sustainable packaging developments have occurred?
•  What are the projected changes for packaging in the US?

12:15  Lunch (provided – Harbor’s Edge)
Advisory Member Lunch (by invitation only - Prescott Room)

1:45  Concurrent Sessions
Session 1 – The Changing Face of Electronics Recycling—Reuse!
The session will illustrate reuse as the new business model for used electronics. **Session Facilitator:** Jason Linnell, Executive Director, National Center for Electronics Recycling

**Speakers**
- Rohi Sukhia, President, Tradeloop Corporation
- Luke Soules, Co-Founder, iFixit

**Questions to Be Addressed by the Speakers**
- What role does electronics reuse play in electronics diversion?
- Why is the electronics reuse industry growing so rapidly?
- Where are the markets for reusable electronics?
- What is the projected growth for electronics reuse?

**Session 2 - Safety in Recycling**
Operational and hauling safety issues for the recycling hauling and processing will be highlighted in the session. **Session Facilitator:** Sarah Reeves, General Manager, Chittenden Solid Waste District

**Speakers**
- National Hauling Perspective - David Biderman, Executive Director, SWANA
- MRF Operations Perspective - Bob Cappadona, Vice President, Casella Recycling, LLC.
- Municipal Recycling Center Perspective - Therese Cirone, Vice President of Safety, Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.
- Hearing Testing Protocols - Rob Wirtanen, Assistant Sales Manager, Industrial Hearing Testing

**Questions to be Addressed by the Speakers**
- What are the primary safety concerns in the recycling industry?
- Which safety measures work the best and are most economical?
- What are some of the most creative approaches being used to address safety concerns?

3:15 **Networking Break with Exhibitors**

3:45 **Electronics Fix-it Demonstration** – Luke Soules of iFixit, with the help of Robert Isner of CTDEEP, will demonstrate how to fix an electronic appliance that wasn’t made to be fixed.

4:15 **Open Discussion** - Conference attendees will be given the opportunity to share information about emerging developments in their work.

5:00 **Wrap Up** – Robert Isner, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

5:30 Social Hour at the **Thirsty Moose**, sponsored by

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016**

8:00 Continental Breakfast (provided)

8:30 **Welcoming Remarks** – Bryn Oakleaf, Environmental Analyst, Solid Waste Management Program, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources & Vice-President, NERC’s Board of Directors

8:35 **A Changing Roadmap for Food Scrap Management**
The session will include a look at the Roadmap to reducing food scraps by 20% through reduction, recovery, and diversion. **Session Facilitator:** Ted Siegler, President, DSM Environmental Services
Speakers

- ReFED Report – Nathan Clark, Program Manager, ReFED
- Current and planned food scraps management policies, programs, barriers, markets, and more around the Northeast.
  - Robert Isner, Director, Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division, Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
  - Mike Parkowski, Chief of Business & Governmental Services, Delaware Solid Waste Authority
  - George MacDonald, Director Sustainability Division, Maine Department of Environmental Protection
  - Kaley Laleker, Acting Deputy Director, Maryland Department of the Environment
  - Greg Cooper, Division Director - BAW Business Compliance & Recycling, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
  - Todd Moore, Administrator Solid Waste Management Bureau, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
  - Wayne Bowen, Recycling Program Manager, Pennsylvania Recycling Markets Center
  - Marcel Lussier, Business Manager Materials Recycling Facility, Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation
  - Bryn Oakleaf, Environmental Analyst, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

Questions to Be Addressed by the Speakers

- What are the funding options for implementing the action steps in ReFED?
- What is the capacity for composting and AD of food scraps in the Northeast States?
- What will it take to incentivize increased wasted food reduction and recovery?

9:50 Emerging & Experienced Professionals Tackle Food Scrap Collection
Collecting food scraps presents multiple challenges. Learn from young entrepreneurs and veteran haulers how they are managing collection, vehicles and carts, customer service, and more in this session. Session Facilitator: Greg Cooper, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

Speakers

- Tyler Frank, Founder, Garbage to Garden
- Andrew Brooks, Founder, Bootstrap Compost
- Abbie Webb, Sustainability Director, Casella Resource Solutions

Questions to Be Addressed by the Speakers

- How do you deal with customers that have contaminants in their food scraps?
- What tips would you give to haulers considering food scrap collection?
- What do you see as the biggest opportunity and challenge for your company?

11:05 Networking Break with Exhibitors

11:20 Food Scrap Processing Success
The session will include the newest thinking about food scrap processing, the latest composting and anaerobic digestion technologies, technical and process limitations, keys to success, and overcoming challenge. Session Facilitator: Debra Darby, Organix Solutions

Speakers

- Food Scrap Composting Success - Athena Lee Bradley, Projects Manager, NERC; & George MacDonald, Director Sustainability Division, Maine Department of Environmental Protection and Treasurer, NERC’s Board of Directors
- AD Solutions for Food Scrap Management - Daniel Bell, General Manager & Greg Williams, Director of Sales, Agri-Cycle Energy, Stonyvale Inc.
12:20  Wrap Up - Bryn Oakleaf, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

12:30  Annual Board Meeting/Lunch

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