TUESDAY, October 29, 2019 – Biltmore Ballroom

8:30  Registration & Continental Breakfast (provided)

9:00  Introduction – Lynn Rubinstein, Executive Director, NERC

9:15  Keynote Address – Upstream, Uphill, Uprising: The Packaging Industry’s Journey Towards Sustainability
Adam Gendell, Associate Director, Sustainable Packaging Coalition
Session Facilitator: Robert Isner, Director, Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and Vice President of NERC's Board of Directors

10:00 Networking Break with Exhibitors

10:30 Managing Plastics
Panel Facilitator: Eadaoin Quinn, Director, Business Development & Procurement, EFS-plastics

Panelists
• Tonya Randell, Program Manager, More Recycling – Plastics Paradox
• Victor Bell, US Managing Director, EPI – Packaging EPR and the World’s “Plastics Crisis”
• Kristen Aldred Cheek, Director of Policy & Programs, PSI – Learning from EPR Programs for Plastics & Packaging

12:00 Lunch (provided)
Advisory Member Lunch (by invitation only)

1:30 Single Use Plastics Legislation
Session Facilitator: Resa Dimino, Affiliate Senior Consultant, Resource Recycling Systems (RRS)

Presenters
• Susan Bush, Principal, Circular Matters – Single Use Plastics Legislation in the US
• Claire Galkowski, Executive Director, South Shore Recycling Cooperative – Research to Inform Lawmakers Prior to Plastic Bag Bans
• Kayla Montanye, Environmental Program Specialist, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation – Results of New York’s Plastic Bag Ban

3:00 Networking Break with Exhibitors
3:30 **Innovative Products, Programs & Technology**  
**Session Facilitator:** Joanne Shafer, Deputy Executive Director/Recycling Coordinator, Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority

**Presenters**
- Juri Freeman, Senior Consultant, **RRS – NextCycle Business Incubator**
- Steve Alexander, President & CEO, **The Association of Plastics Recyclers (APR) - APR's Post-consumer Recycled Content Certification Program**
- William Hancock, Vice President of Operations, **Plexus Recycling Technologies – Robotic Sorting**
- Craig Cookson, Senior Director of Recycling & Energy Recovery, **American Chemistry Council - Advanced Chemical Recycling Technologies**
- Carlos Manchado Atienza, Regional Director of the Americas, **TOMRA Sorting Solutions – Leading the Resource Revolution**

5:00 **Adjourn**

5:30 **Social Hour & Awards Ceremony – Summit, 18th Floor**

**WEDNESDAY, October 30, 2019**

8:00 **Registration & Continental Breakfast (provided)**

8:30 **Introductions & Welcoming Remarks** - Lynn Rubinstein, Executive Director, NERC

8:45 **Basel Plastics Decision** – Adina Renee Adler, Assistant Vice President of International Affairs, ISRI  
**Session Facilitator:** Rick Watson, Chief Executive Officer, Delaware Solid Waste Authority and Treasurer, NERC’s Board of Director

9:15 **Value of Plastics** – Dylan de Thomas, Vice President of Industry Collaboration, Recycling Partnership  
**Session Facilitator:** Steve Alexander, President & CEO, Association of Plastic Recyclers (APR)

9:45 **Networking Break with Exhibitors**

10:15 **Strategies for Plastics Recycling Education**  
**Session Facilitator:** Terry Laibach, Section Supervisor, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

**Presenters**
- Beth Gingold, Founder, **Recycle Leaders – Bridging the Gap Between STEM & Civic Education**
- Rachel Bookman, Senior Communications Outreach Manager, ISRI – Jason Learning Program

11:00 **Toxics in Packaging** – John Gilkeson, Chair, Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse (TPCH) & Principal Planner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
**Session Facilitator:** Christine Cassidy, Recycling Manager, Dart Container Corp.

11:45 **PFAS**  
**Session Facilitator:** Megan Pryor, Environmental Specialist, Maine Department of Environmental Protection

**Presenters**
- Terri Goldberg, Executive Director, NEWMOA - PFAS in Packaging
- Debra Darby, Organics Recycling Consultant, Darby Marketing - PFAS in Compost

12:30 **Adjourn**

12:30 **NERC Board Meeting**
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