NERC announces Spring Workshop details

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The Northeast Recycling Council (NERC), Brattleboro, Vermont, has announced details for its Spring Workshop—Markets or Bust—set for April 3, 2018, at the Sheraton Baltimore Washington Airport Hotel in Maryland. The event will focus on recycling market issues and market development opportunities.

The keynote address will be presented by Myles Cohen, president of Pratt Recycling, the recycling division of Conyers, Georgia-based Pratt Industries Inc. Cohen also serves as president of the Paper Stock Industries (PSI), a national chapter of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI), Washington. Cohen’s presentation—Is Curbside Recycling in Jeopardy?—will dive into the impacts that increased contamination issues and China’s import restrictions are having on recycling markets, and ways to “save” and preserve curbside recycling programs.

Secretary Ben Grumbles of the Maryland Department of the Environment will open the event with welcoming remarks. NERC says its Spring Workshop will provide attendees with information and discussions about key market issues for the paper, plastic, glass and organic sectors; recycling market development opportunities; interactive sessions that illustrate industry sector market scenarios; and networking with government, industry, nonprofits, consultants and universities.

The Spring Workshop is intended for emerging and seasoned professionals in sustainable materials management—municipal, county and state offices dealing with recycling; university sustainability coordinators; businesses involved in recycling—haulers, processors and manufacturers; nonprofits; and consultants.
issues associated with source reduction, reuse, recycling, composting, and environmentally preferable purchasing.