Groups release survey results on CRT processing

The Consumer Electronics Association, the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, the Electronics Recycling Coordination Council have jointly released a report on current CRT recycling challenges facing e-scrap processors.

The survey of 82 e-scrap processing organizations focused on recycling options for CRT displays – excluding reuse or refurbishment options – and offered somewhat contradictory take-aways, saying there are "ample markets and downstream vendors" for recycling CRT glass, while also saying "20 percent of recyclers report difficulties" with regard to finding orders for material.

The report says surveyed processors are currently holding 68,000 tons of CRTs awaiting processing or shipping, with smaller firms accounting for most of the difficulty in securing downstream markets for their material. Additionally, the report says 47 percent of material handled by surveyed processors is sent for glass-to-glass processing.