We hope this finds you well. Due to the current situation with COVID-19 we will postpone our Annual Conference to the fall.

The dates we have secured with the Samoset are October 26-27.

We are working on getting updated information. Once we have all of the information we will get it sent out and posted to our website. Registrations that have already come in will be carried over to the new dates. Please mark your calendars and thank you all for your support.

**PRESS RELEASE**

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NERC & NEWMOA Publish White Paper on EPR for Packaging & Paper Products

The Northeast Recycling Council (NERC) and the Northeast Waste Management Officials’ Association (NEWMOA) published a White Paper today on extended producer responsibility (EPR) for packaging and paper products (PPP). The goal of the White Paper is to provide state officials, policymakers, and affected industries with a baseline of shared knowledge on this topic.

The Northeast Committee on the Environment (NECOME), a program of the Coalition of Northeastern Governors (CONEG), requested that NEWMOA and NERC provide information about EPR for packaging and paper products to help their state officials and others consider options for EPR for PPP. The White Paper provides an overarching understanding of the EPR system structure and design, requirements, and benefits. Last year, NEWMOA and NERC published a short introductory Fact Sheet on EPR for Packaging and Paper Products, and the White Paper is designed as a companion resource to provide more in-depth information about existing programs and proposals.

"This Paper will help state officials, NGOs, and many others understand the key proposals to date in the northeast for EPR for packaging and paper products. This is a very dynamic area of public policy, and we anticipate a number of changes and more proposals in the coming years. We look forward to continuing to support efforts in this area, especially our regional network of state officials and NGO EPR supporters," explained Yoram Goldman, NEWMOA Executive Director.

"EPR for packaging and paper has exploded as an area of interest in the northeast" said Lynn Rubinstein, NERC Executive Director. "This White Paper is a unique resource providing the essential components of EPR for PPP and how they integrate for a successful recycling program."

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Government Recycling Demand Program Launched by...
NERC & APR

NERC & the Association of Plastic Recyclers (APR) have formally announced their new partnership to grow a groundbreaking campaign that expands market demand for recycled resin and improves plastic recycling in North America. The Government Recycling Demand Champions, a companion to APR’s well-established Recycling Demand Champions Campaign, will be tailored to state, regional, and local governments around the United States. It will be hosted by NERC, working in close collaboration with APR.

“The recycling community has long been interested in supporting increased purchasing of products made with postconsumer resin (PCR) by government entities. NERC adopted a policy to encourage such actions early this year. The Government Recycling Demand Champions is an exciting opportunity to engage directly with government at all levels to support their interest and grow this important activity,” said Lynn Rubinstein, NERC Executive Director, and Government Recycling Demand Champion program manager.

Among the products with postconsumer recycled content (PCR) that government entities will be encouraged to purchase will be plastic:

- Infrastructure drainage pipes
- Trash bags
- Roll-out carts
- Recycling and garbage containers
- Benches
- Outdoor furniture
- Plastic lumber, pans, decking
- Other PCR-containing plastic products

“This program has the potential to dramatically increase demand for recycled resin in a wide variety of products, including new applications such as recycled content in recycling carts, government procurement and infrastructure projects,” explained Stephanie Baker, Director of Procurement at KW Plastics. “By combining efforts with the states through a partnership with NERC, we hope to drive even greater demand in the government marketplace, and include the concept of utilizing recycled content as a key component of state procurement programs.”

Click here for more information or contact Lynn Rubinstein.