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## **VIRTUAL PA RECYCLING MARKETS SUMMIT - ORGANICS MANAGEMENT**

9:00a - 12:30p

### **Agenda**

9:00 - 9:10a

Program Introduction

Presenters:

Robert Bylone, President and CEO, Recycling Markets Center

Rebecca Popowski, Associate, Olin Partnership Ltd.

### **NATIONAL IMPACTS TRACK**

9:10 - 9:30a

EPA's National Recycling Strategy

*On November 17, 2020, the EPA Administrator announced a goal to increase the U.S. recycling rate to 50 percent by 2030. This goal provides the benchmark to evaluate the success of the collective efforts to improve the nation's recycling system. This session will detail how the roll out of identified objectives and actions will occur to create a stronger, more resilient recycling system. How and where does organics management integrate with the Strategy?*

Presenter:

Senior Official from U.S. EPA Region III

9:30 - 10:20a

Grant Funded Projects in EPA Region III and use of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

*Recently funded organics-related projects in the mid-Atlantic region and the impact of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act on future programming and funding.*

Presenters:

Dave Iocono, Team Leader, Environmental Program Manager, U.S. EPA Region III

Melissa Pennington, Sustainability Coordinator, U.S. EPA Region III



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10:20a - 10:45p

Policy, Research, and Programming Updates from the US Composting Council

*The US Composting Council's mission is to advance compost manufacturing, compost utilization, and organics recycling to benefit their members, society, and the environment. Updates from the USCC will include the recent EPA-funded compost specifications workshops and a re-branding of the Seal of Testing Assurance Program.*

Presenter:

Hilary Nichols, Market Development Coordinator & STA Program Manager

10:45 - 10:55a

Introducing the Recycling Markets Center's new Circular Merchant Platform

*The Circular Merchant is a platform where interested citizens, businesses, or public officials can post items and materials for recycling or reuse for others who may be interested in acquiring these items. It is equipped with reactive, smart device capabilities such that photos of items or materials can be immediately uploaded; built-in mapping is available to locate the desired pick-up or send locations; and emails are automatically sent to notify interested parties of postings.*

Presenter:

Scott Marks, Recycling Program Manager, Recycling Markets Center

10:55 - 11:00a: Break

## REGIONAL & STATE IMPACTS TRACK

11:00 - 11:15a

Pennsylvania Waste Composition Study

*As an update to its first 2005 statewide waste characterization study, PA DEP conducted the 2020-21 Waste Characterization Study and Recycling Study to identify the amount and type of waste generated by rural, suburban and urban areas of Pennsylvania, as well as the types and quantities of potentially available recyclables and compostables in the waste stream. A summary of this report including organics intentions will be provided.*

Presenter:

Lawrence E. Holley, Division Chief, Division of Waste Minimization and Planning  
Bureau of Waste Management, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

11:15 - 11:50p



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## Food Waste to Energy Study

*In support of furthering the goals outlined the 2018 Pennsylvania Climate Action Plan, PA DEP completed an inventory of industrial, commercial, and institutional (ICI) food waste generated within the Commonwealth, as well as the composting and anaerobic digestion capacity for processing this food waste. This session will include a summary of the inventory and capacity quantification efforts as well as greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction estimates resulting from the current diversion levels from disposal facilities.*

### Presenters:

David Altoff, Director Energy Programs Office, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
Robert Young, Energy Program Specialist, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

11:50a - 12:15p

National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) Mid-Atlantic Food Waste Policy Gap Analysis & Inventory

*The co-author of this document will discuss the detailed inventory and review of food waste-related policies and a gap analysis that identifies policy opportunities for furthering food waste reduction in the mid-Atlantic states with a focus on Pennsylvania.*

### Presenter:

Coryanne Mansell, Client Services Strategist, Center for EcoTechnology (CET)

12:15 - 12:25p

Pennsylvania Organics Management Permits Update

*Discussion will focus on re-authorizations for General Permits 17 (on-farm food waste composting) and 25 (large-scale food waste composting); modifications to General Permit 17 that allow for vermicomposting, food waste processing using black soldier larvae, and proposed small scale food waste composting on sites less than 2 acres.*

Presenter: Wayne Bowen, Senior Recycling Program Manager, Recycling Markets Center

12:25 - 12:30p

Closing Remarks

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