

“Get Smart, Get to Recycling”

Mississippi Recycling Coalition Annual State Recycling Conference Oxford Conference Center

October 29th

8:30am – Conference Registration Begins (Outside Auditorium Entrance)

8:30 – 12:00am Exhibitor Set-up (Lobby)

Get Motivated!

9:30am -Welcome and Introductions (Auditorium) – Dr. Mary Love Tagert, Board Chair, Mississippi Recycling Coalition

9:45am- Welcome to Oxford- Honorable Robyn Tannehill, Mayor, City of Oxford

A visit to Oxford combines the charm of the old south with the excitement and energy of a growing, progressive College community. Mayor Tannehill welcomes attendees to her fair City.

10:00am – Conference Keynote - Coach Kermit Davis, Head Coach, Ole Miss Men’s Basketball Team

2nd Year Head Coach Kermit Davis has the Rebel Program on the rise. Coach Davis will speak to the Mississippi Recycling community on building success.

Get to Market

10:30am - Recycled Materials Market Update Panel Discussion – Moderator: Mark Williams, Waste Division Chief, MDEQ

Join us to hear an update from commodity representatives on how recycling markets for paper, plastics, and metals are faring in current conditions and the future market expectations for the various recycling commodities.

*Gene Smith, FV Recycling;
Karl Geiger, Indorama Ventures Sustainable Solutions, LLC;
Ian Templeton, David J. Joseph Co., a Nucor Company*

12:00noon – Lunch (Conference Center Terrace)

Environmental Heroes Awards Ceremony – Master of Ceremonies: Ray Laughter, Director, DeSoto County Environmental Services

MRC will recognize the best of the best in recycling in Mississippi with our 2018/2019 Recyclers of the Year!

1:15pm -The State of Recycling (Auditorium) – Will Sagar, Director, Southeast Recycling Development Council

Recycling has faced tremendous challenges over the past few years. Mr. Sagar will share how, despite these factors, there is reason to remain optimistic for the future of recycling.

Get the Money

2:00pm - Grant Program Profiles –Jennifer Milner, State Recycling Coordinator, MDEQ; Will Sagar, Director, SERDC; Mark Williams, Waste Division Chief, MDEQ

This session features presentations on current and future grant opportunities to support and grow your community's recycling efforts.

- MDEQ Regional Recycling Grants
- SERDC Grant
- Other Grants

3:00pm – Afternoon Break with Sponsors and Exhibitors (Lobby)

Get the Message

3:30pm – Messaging to the Public (Auditorium) - Amanda Fryer, Recycling Administrator, City of Memphis

Learn how the Bluff City has worked to improve and grow their recycling program through targeted outreach and education efforts.

4:00pm – Countering Contamination, Communicating to your Citizens Panel Discussion –Moderator: Jennifer Milner, State Recycling Coordinator, MDEQ

The contamination of residential recyclables has negatively impacted local programs and the recycling industry throughout the country. Learn how program leaders can prevent and address contamination issues locally through ongoing and consistent messaging.

*Ray Laughter, DeSoto County
Stephen Klemann, Republic Services
Will Sagar, SERDC*

5:30pm - Evening Reception (Town Suites)

Network with fellow attendees over cocktails and hors d' oeuvres.

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8:30am – “Biscuits and Business,” MRC Annual Membership Meeting (Auditorium) – Dr. Mary Love Tagert, Board Chair, Mississippi Recycling Coalition

Join other MRC Members for breakfast and our annual membership meeting.

Get Measured

*9:30am - **Measuring Success – Municipal Measurement Program** – Jennifer Milner, State Recycling Coordinator, MDEQ; Mark Williams, Waste Division Chief, MDEQ*

For the first time, MDEQ has begun to collect recycling information from local government programs in the state through Re-Trac’s MMP program. This session will focus on the information collected, how that information will be used and the importance of continued measurement and reporting.

Get More

*10:15am - **Promoting Recycling in K-12 Schools** – Michelle Robinson, Recycling Coordinator, City of Oxford; Joanna Porter, QUEST teacher, Lafayette Middle School*

School recycling can be a spark plug for your community’s recycling efforts. In this session, one community discusses how recycling in their school system has contributed to the success of their recycling programs.

*11:00am - **Electronics Recovery** – Beth Savage Zito, NexTech*

Discarded electronics continue to present recycling challenges for communities around the state. One of the state’s certified electronics recycling companies will discuss current conditions and how communities can conduct successful electronics recovery efforts.

*11:30am - **Polystyrene Foam Recycling** – Natha Freiburg Dempsey, Vice President Foodservice Packaging Institute*

Join us as Ms. Dempsey shares the latest developments in recovery of polystyrene foam packaging materials.

*12:00noon – **Grand Door Prize, Adjourn** – Dr. Mary Love Tagert, Board Chair, Mississippi Recycling Coalition*