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Chemical Use and Release – New Data Available

On March 19, the U.S. EPA released [new data from the Toxics Release Inventory](#), reporting on the use, disposal and treatment of chemicals at industrial and federal facilities across the country. The information includes summaries and analysis of data collected in 2007 from 21,996 facilities.

Kentucky Renewable Energy Consortium Kicks Off

[KREC's first 2009 quarterly meeting](#) was held on March 12 in Frankfort. Attendees heard presentations on KREC accomplishments and future plans, and on renewable energy and energy efficiency. [Visit KREC's updated Web site](#) for links to renewable energy and energy efficiency resources in Kentucky. A developing "Renewable Energy Technology at Work" section will showcase technology demonstrations. The KREC community and interested parties can use this Web site as a resource for news, research activities and more.

Recycling Opportunities and Outlook

Sponsors Needed for Waste Stations at the Kentucky Horse Park

Preparing for the 2010 World Equestrian Games involves efforts to expand recycling programs at the venues that will host the event and cater to its hundreds of thousands of visitors. Many recycling bins and waste stations are needed at the Kentucky Horse Park to support this effort, and sponsors are needed for 10-15 large waste stations that will remain at the park permanently. If your company or organization is interested in this sponsorship opportunity, contact Danielle Landolt, FEI World Equestrian Games, 859-255-2010, landolt@feigames2010.org.

Find Recyclers and Recycling Services

Are you looking for recyclers of plastics, scrap metal, pallets, carpet, cardboard or other industrial wastes? KPPC maintains a group of Recycling Services Directories to facilitate industrial recycling and improve the environmental performance of Kentucky businesses, industries and other organizations. To [list recycling or recycling-related products or services](#), companies must register in the Kentucky Industrial Materials Exchange (KIME) system.

Designs – April 15,
12:30 to 4:00 p.m. –
Frankfort

Solar Water Heater
Installer Training –
April 16 and 17, 8
a.m. to 5 p.m. –
Frankfort

Annual Energy
Outlook 2009 – April
16, 11:30 a.m. to
12:30 p.m. –
Louisville

CED Sustainability
Forum – April 16,
10:00 a.m. to 2:00
p.m. CDT – Bowling
Green

Pay as You Throw:
The SMART Solution
for Decreasing
Wastes, Curbing
Greenhouse Gases
and Saving Money
Webinar – April 16,
1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
EDT

Earth Day 2009 –
April 22

Bluegrass Regional
Solid Waste &
Recycling Summit –
April 23, 9 a.m. to 3
p.m. – Lexington

National
Environmental
Partnership Summit
– May 4-8, San
Francisco, CA

Save the Date –
33rd Governor's
Conference on the
Environment –
September 30
October 1, Lexington

Two Electronics Recycling Sites in Kentucky

The Electronic Manufacturers Recycling Management Co. ([MRM](#)) brings electronics manufacturers and recyclers together into long-term relationships that provide convenient recycling opportunities to consumers. MRM sites accept Panasonic, Sharp and Toshiba brand TVs and consumer electronics such as VCRs and DVDs at no charge; there may be a charge for recycling other brands or products. MRM's goal is the creation of a national recycling infrastructure and long-term sustainable electronic product recycling.

Kentucky's two MRM collection sites are:

- Global Environmental Services, 109 Triport Road, Georgetown, KY 40324, 502-570-8545, www.kyges.com.
- U-Haul Center Bardstown, 4128 Bardstown Rd., Louisville KY 40218, 502-491-2660. You must have a voucher to recycle at this site. [Get required voucher.](#)

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to Expand Recycling Center

Recycling Today reports that Gershman, Brickner & Bratton Inc. (GBB), based in Fairfax, Va., has been contracted by Kentucky's Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) to [assist in developing a master plan for the Lexington Recycling Center](#). LFUCG is planning to expand its 8-ton-per-hour single-stream-plus-glass operation to an approximate 20-ton-per-hour operation through processing equipment and building upgrades.

Recycling and the Stimulus Plan

What will the federal stimulus plan mean for the recycling industry and for your firm? In addition to new federal investments in recycling, billions of federal dollars are expected to go to infrastructure and transportation projects, increasing the demand for recycled products. To help make sense of just what effects the stimulus bill may have, *Resource Recycling* has analyzed the package and developed a guide which is available through the [March 6 Resource Recycling electronic newsletter](#).

Industry Snapshot

For a summary of some of the challenges facing recyclers these days, check out the April 2009 issue of *U.S. News & World Report*. The article "*Heap of Trouble for Recycling Industry: High Costs and Bottled-Up Profits May Push Waste Back to the Landfills*" discusses some of the effects the global economic crisis, the fall of the commodities market and the sharp decline in demand from China for recycled materials have had on the industry. Some communities have started cutting back their recycling programs, and reduced demand has recyclers across the country storing the materials they used to sell quickly. The article says that "Insiders are quick to point out that recycling, like other industries, is cyclical," and expect a recovery in their market – they are, however, unsure of the timing of that recovery.

Mark your Calendar for these Upcoming Conferences and Events

Solar Energy Technologies Seminar: Applications, Economics & System Designs – April 15, 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. – Frankfort

Learn the basics of solar electric and solar thermal system applications, economics, and design, and how solar thermal systems are applied to HVAC and plumbing systems in residential, commercial and institutional buildings. Cost: \$25. For [more information or to register](#), visit the Kentucky Solar Partnership Web site.

Solar Water Heater Installer Training – April 16 and 17, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Frankfort

This workshop will cover the design, installation, maintenance and servicing techniques for solar water heating systems. The course is designed for plumbing and heating contractors and other interested parties. [Register before April 3rd](#) for a discounted registration fee of \$195.

Annual Energy Outlook 2009 – April 16, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Louisville

Join business leaders, economic development specialists and entrepreneurs for this event which is free and open to the public. The Energy Information Administration will provide forward-looking analyses of energy demand, supply and prices for the mid- and long-term domestic U.S. energy market. For more information and to register, e-mail eric.yussman@gmail.com or call (502) 627-2576.

CED Sustainability Forum – April 16, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. CDT – Bowling Green

Learn about the most comprehensive and innovative energy management solutions to help your company save energy, comply with code and garner rebates. Join CED, Consolidated Electrical Distributors, as they host this [seminar on energy savings](#).

Planned Discussion Topics:

- Understanding your utility bill
- Overview of energy tracking systems
- Setting up an Energy Management Program
- Overview of energy efficiency assessments
- Basic energy efficiency tools and resources
- Options for financing energy projects

Pay as You Throw: The SMART Solution for Decreasing Wastes, Curbing Greenhouse Gases and Saving Money Webinar – April 16, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. EDT

Mark your calendar for the [U.S. EPA's April Resource Conservation Challenge \(RCC\) Web Academy session](#).

Earth Day 2009 – April 22



Businesses and organizations throughout Kentucky are making plans to mark the 39th annual Earth Day this April 22. Make plans now to celebrate Earth Day at work and at home, and encourage your employees to get involved.

Bluegrass Regional Solid Waste & Recycling Summit – April 23, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Lexington

Hosted by the Bluegrass Area Development District, the Summit will be filled with opportunities to share a common vision for solid waste and recycling for the Bluegrass Region. Network and engage with the region's local elected officials, solid waste coordinators, landfill operators, area consultants, engineers, contractors, industry, school superintendents, interest groups and other stakeholders. Reservations must be received by noon, April 17. For more information, contact David Duttlinger at dduttlinger@bgadd.org. To register, please contact Mary Ann Fegley at (859) 269-8021 or mfegley@bgadd.org.

National Environmental Partnership Summit – May 4-8, San Francisco, CA

The theme of the 6th Annual [National Environmental Partnership Summit](#) is "Harnessing the Power of Collaboration." The summit will focus on pollution prevention and environmental assistance, with sustainability as an underlying common thread in all the tracks.

Save the Date – 33rd Governor's Conference on the Environment – September 30-October 1, Lexington

This year's conference focuses on Kentucky's energy challenges and opportunities, and how we can meet our future energy needs in an environmentally sound manner. For more information, please contact Natalie Jensen at 502-564-7192 or at natalieE.jensen@ky.gov.