

NERC | Northeast Recycling Council

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NERC's mission is to advance an environmentally sustainable economy by promoting source and toxicity reduction, recycling, and the purchasing of environmentally preferable products and services.

NERC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

WHAT NERC DOES FOR ITS ADVISORY MEMBERS

As a regional non-profit organization that works directly with state, regional, and local agencies and the private sector, NERC is unique in the Northeast. It is the only forum for cooperative research, policy development, collaborative action, and program development on source reduction, reuse, recycling, recycling market and business development issues, and environmentally preferable purchasing.

NERC invites you to join as an Advisory Member.

As an Advisory Member you . . .

- Gain visibility and recognition for your organization.
- Are kept in the forefront of developing trends.
- Provided with opportunities for public/private sector networking, dialogue, and action.
- Offered technical assistance, information, research, and program development and implementation.
- Received discounted conference and workshop registrations.

Why NERC? NERC has a 22 year history of innovation and leadership in recycling market development, regional collaboration, program and policy development, technical assistance, research, development of best management practices, and private/public sector dialogue.

NERC is a valuable resource. It provides a forum for information sharing on cutting edge issues, regional collaboration on policy and program development, and the opportunity to speak with state and local policy makers and officials.

"The Steel Recycling Institute (a business unit of the American Iron and Steel Institute) has drastically cut back its budget in recent years because of the current economic situation. Several years ago we dropped most of our participation with regional and national state organizations because of poor market conditions within the industry. However, we have made a few exceptions.

We continue and will continue to participate and contribute to the Northeast Recycling Council. NERC is truly a one of a kind organization that affords industry "one stop shopping" to interact with state officials and our industry counter parts to enhance the markets for products and materials with recycled content. The steel industry recycling rate last year was over 70% and our finished product always contains recycled content. With annual production of new steel at approximately 100 million tons, (prior to the down-turn) a regional state-industry cooperative approach to market development is extremely useful to us and NERC is the only such organization that we are aware of that fills that role. It is very important for the recycling industry and interested organization to actively participate. We think that membership in NERC is money well spent."

—Chip Foley, Vice President,
Government Relations

NERC's workshops & conferences offer in-depth information exchange and professional presentations and discussions about emerging issues in the reuse and recycling fields.

NERC's staff is a substantive resource on a myriad of topics in the recycling and economic development fields.

Current initiatives

NERC provides a set of core services for members, including conferences, webinars, newsletters, developing and distributing research reports, a dynamic Website, management of the EPPnet listserv, the Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse, Electronics Recycling Coordination Clearinghouse, the Reuse Marketplace, and the State Electronics Challenge.

In addition, NERC staff aggressively develops ideas and funding sources for special projects deemed important by the membership. Projects in 2010 included: increasing reuse through material exchanges, developing and managing a regional recycling markets database, green computer procurement, use, and life-cycle management, toxics in packaging, national harmonization of state ewaste laws, zero waste in C&D projects, promoting the recycling of commercial paper, promoting reuse and recycling in schools, and the marketing of compost.

The bottom line: NERC is a dynamic and unique organization that will help you promote your goals and its interests, gain visibility, and support action on the recycling industry.

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For information about becoming an Advisory Member, visit <http://www.nerc.org/membership/index.html>.