



Virtual Conference

## AGENDA

**TUESDAY, April 12, 2022 (eastern)**

**1:00 Welcoming Remarks** – Lynn Rubinstein, Executive Director, NERC

**1:10 Keynote Panel - Mergers & Acquisitions in Recycling**  
**Moderator:** Chaz Miller Ex Officio Member of NERC's Board

### Panelists

- Doug Usifer, Managing Director, Capstone Partners
- Cole Rosengren, Lead Editor, Waste Dive
- Daniel Monahan, Trial Attorney; Defense, Industrials, and Aerospace Section; Antitrust Division; United States Department of Justice

**2:10 Networking, Sponsor Exhibit Hall & Break**

**2:40 Ecodesign: Packaging & Right to Repair**  
**Moderator:** Brooke Nash, Branch Chief, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

### Presenters

- *Progress Made & Future Direction for Right to Repair* – Kyle Wiens, CEO, iFixit
- *Designing for Recycle-Ready PET Thermoforms* – Camille Herrera, Packaging Development and Sustainability Manager, Driscolls

**3:25 Networking, Sponsor Exhibit Hall & Break**

**3:55 The Sustainability of Batteries: Exploring Emerging Strategies**  
**Moderator:** Mia Roethlein, Environmental Analyst V, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

### Panelists

- *Confronting the Looming Cannabis E-waste* – Mitchell Colbert, Head of Social and Environmental Impact, Vessel
- *Creating a Sustainable E-Bike Battery Ecosystem* - Rob Latham, E-Bike Program Manager, Call2Recycle
- *Battery Recycling in the Densely Populated New York City* – Ashlee Barker, Senior Manager, Special Waste, Bureau of Recycling and Sustainability, NYC Department of Sanitation

- *Market Evaluation/Projection* - Max Hickey, Business Development Associate, Li-cycle

5:00 **Adjourn**

**WEDNESDAY, April 13, 2022 (eastern)**

1:00 **Welcoming Remarks** - Lynn Rubinstein, Executive Director, NERC

1:10 **Making Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Part of Your Operations**

**Moderator:** Megan Pryor, Environmental Specialist, Maine Department of Environmental Protection & NERC's Vice President

#### **Panelists**

- Olga Zamora, Vice President of Human Resources, ISRI
- Iveth Dias, Human Resource Director, Sims Municipal Recycling
- Melissa Young, DEI Committee Member, NYSAR3 & Assistant Director of the Syracuse University Center for Sustainable Community Solutions

2:10 **Networking, Sponsor Exhibit Hall & Break**

2:30 **Agricultural Plastics: Challenges & Innovation**

**Moderator:** Anne Macmillan, Pesticide Certification and Training Coordinator, Vermont Agency of Agriculture

#### **Presenters**

- *Single Use Agricultural Plastics Diversion at Northwest Solid Waste District (VT): A 5-Year Review* – Richard Backer, EHS Manager, Tivoli
- *Agricultural Mulch Film Recycling in the US: Obstacles and Opportunities* – Gene Jones, CEO, Southern Waste Information Exchange
- *A Circular Approach in Ag to PCR Approved for Direct Food Contact* – Cherish Miller, Vice President of Sustainability & Public Affairs, Revolution
- *Microplastics* – Dan Martens, Vice President North America, Novamont

3:40 **Networking, Sponsor Exhibit Hall & Break**

4:00 **Construction & Demolition Debris: New Strategies for Reusing Old Materials**

**Moderator:** Callie Yow, External Relations Associate, PaintCare

#### **Panelists**

- *Waste Characterization* - John Culbertson, Principal, MSW Consultants
- *Drywall Recycling* - Tim Mulso, Business Development Manager, Recycling Products Division, Scott Equipment Company
- *LEED Credits & Other Questions Answered* – Paul Rolandini, Contractor Sales Manager, USA Hauling & Recycling
- *C&D Fines* – Mathieu Germain, Director of Strategic Development, Sanexen

5:00 **Adjourn**

**The Conference is eligible for NHDES, PROP and Rutgers NJ CEUs.**

#### **Speaker Bios**

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