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Summer 1999

Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony Recap

RFT's success stories mount at a rapid pace thanks to the efforts of a very active membership. Over the past year, the work of the following individuals and organizations warranted special note. At the Annual Conference last May, each received a recycled clock – handmade from aluminum scrap by St. Petersburg *Fine Crafts Artist Michael D'Andrea* —in recognition of their outstanding achievements.



DEP officials Peter Goren, Ron Henricks, and Bill Hinkley discuss Recycling in the Year 2000



1999 RFT Annual Golf Tournament Winners: Fletcher Herrald, Stephanie Ragans, and Gene Jones (Fourth player Ray Moreau missing— he was afraid to putt those three footers so he claimed a medical emergency)



Big Daddy (a.k.a. Ray Moreau) sends best wishes to all the RFT members from his sick bed. Not surprisingly, Ray was overheard saying: "I should get some sympathy votes in the Board race" — even though he was running unopposed.

Outstanding Individual Awards:

Recycler of the Year: **Warren Jones**

Sustained Commitment: **Tom Lehmann**

Student Scholarship: **Lewis Hill**

Outstanding Organizational Awards:

Corporate Leadership: **Publix Super Markets, Inc.**

County or City Program (Rural): **Sumter County**

County or City Program (Urban): **Sarasota County**

Non-Profit Organization: **Gainesville Harvest, Inc.**

Buy Recycled Program: **BellSouth Advertising & Publishing**

Waste Reduction Program: **United States Postal Service Suncoast District**

Community Volunteer Program: **Pinellas County America Recycles Day Steering Committee**

College or University Program: **Santa Fe Community College**

Public Education Program: **City of Greenacres**

Special Event Recycling Program: **Recycling Task Force of Hillsborough County/City of Tampa - ARD/Tampa Bay**

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A warm welcome to our 1999-Y2K Board of Directors



Mitch Kessler and Gene Jones present Outstanding Individual award to Susan Lancianese.

Millennium Matrix Issues Forum and Workshop

St Augustine, Sept. 13-15

By Sally Palmi

WE NEED YOU ON SEPTEMBER 13-15! Be sure not to miss the last Issues Forum for this century! Come hear and share issues and answers that will affect our industry and be a part of the Millennium Matrix! The forum will be held at the beautiful World Golf Village Resort Hotel located at 500 South Legacy Trail, St. Augustine, FL 32092, phone: 800/477-3340, Room rate: \$89 and be sure to request the RecycleFlorida Today rate.

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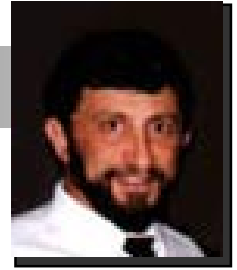
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Letter from the Chair



The newly-elected RFT Board raced into action with a one-day retreat and planning session at Daytona Beach on June 24. The retreat gave us an ideal opportunity to take stock of who we are, what we do, and what we want to accomplish. Taking our cue from the Daytona Beach setting, we set out to jump start our engines, rev up RFT's motor, and set the pace for the coming millennium.

The theme that emerged from our planning sessions was a sense of renewed energy and enthusiasm. This energy is infectious, and we left Daytona Beach committed to increasing members' participation, expanding private sector and small-county membership, and taking a more proactive stance on policy matters. The Board invites every RFT member to share their commitment and challenges members to find the courage to take action, the passion to live the dream, and the energy to accomplish the goals.

From a more personal perspective, I'm challenged by the prospect of filling the size 16^{1/2} shoes of my colleague and immediate past Chair, Gene Jones. Gene's contributions to RFT's success over the past year have been enormous. He is an irreplaceable workhorse. I'm certainly privileged to represent you and to have the chance to work with this enthusiastic and visionary Board of Directors.

As Chair of RFT's millennium Board, my commitment is to continue to expand our membership and sustain RFT's current success. In the coming year, I hope to bring in a professional administrator to help with administrative duties, implement a strategic plan for RFT's long-term development, and help RFT re-energize Florida's recycling industry.

Now is the time to move recycling to the next level. While the Big 5 remain the key to sustaining Florida's recycling program, we need to "power up" and expand our focus to other promising opportunities. Let's set a new agenda that fully integrates recycling, organics recovery, and solid waste management to increase Florida's diversion rates.

I ask every RFT member to get involved, provide input, and help RFT accomplish our common objectives. The Board and I are always available and need your comments. Please set one new recycling goal for yourself this year and join together to help move Florida's recycling industry into the 21st century.

I look forward to talking with you at the Issues Forum in Jacksonville.

Sincerely,

Mitch Kessler

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Chairman's Special Notice Awards:

Innovative Grant Project: **City of Jacksonville/Duval County School Board**

Individual: **Susan Lancianese**



Jackie Eldridge with her award for the Jacksonville and Duval County School Board Innovative Recycling Project.



Rhastafarian Hinkley shows RFT how to limbo low

Congratulations and many thanks to everyone for demonstrating such high standards and dedication to recycling.

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Agenda

MONDAY, SEPT. 13 - RECYCLEFLORIDA TODAY MEETINGS & RECEPTION

- 12:00-2:00 Join us for lunch and M & M committee meetings. Committees include membership, education, conference, legislative, FORA and Ad Hoc Development. These committee meetings will be held simultaneously and lunch is on us!
- 2:00-5:00 RFT Board of Directors Meeting, all members are invited to attend and participate.
- 6:30-7:30 Welcome Reception

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14 - RFT ISSUES FORUM

- 8:00-8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30-9:30 Opening Remarks and Keynote address
- 9:30-10:30 Legislative Update
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45-12:00 Grants Future
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch on your own
- 1:30- 2:30 Open Forum/Issues and Answers, SWM Act Revisions, C&D Future, Yard Waste Rule Revisions
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45-4:00 Open Forum, Where do we go from here?

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15 - FOOD WASTE DIVERSION WORKSHOP

- 8:00-8:30 Registration/ Continental Breakfast
- 8:30-8:45 FORA Welcome/Introductions
- 8:45-9:15 Alternatives/Animal Feed
- 9:15-9:45 Alternatives/Food Banks
- 9:45-10:15 Alternatives/Compost
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30-12:00 Overview of Regulations, Roundtable discussion
- 12:00-12:30 Lunch
- 12:30-4:00 Tour Options (pick one):
 - 1) Envirocomp yardwaste recycling and Browning Ferris Industry's Recyclery
 - 2) Teacher's Supply Depot, Reusable Resource Center and US Gypsum

You must pre-register for tours. A sack lunch will be included with each tour option.

For registration information contact Sally Palmi at 352/374-5213 or Suncom 651-5213.

Join The Movement...Be A Part Of The Millennium Matrix

By Tiffany Hughes & Sally Palmi

Each year RFT membership expands and flourishes. And the past year was no exception. But there was an exception of note - the active and enthusiastic participation of RFT members. On behalf of the Board, we want to express our appreciation for your efforts, presence and overall support of waste reduction, recycling and the purchase of recycled products.

At the recent Board Retreat, an entire day was spent discussing group goals. To continue building upon the group's successes, the following eight focus areas were identified for greater emphasis:

1. More Private Sector Involvement
2. "Flat Line Concept" to energize
3. Rural counties
4. Re-educate membership on SW Management Act
5. RFT position on SW Management Trust Fund
6. Board dissemination on education & communication
7. Newsletter and website (information avenues)
8. Mesh with FORA



As we move into the MILLENNIUM, we see a need for fresh ideas, market driven planning and enthusiasm for our industry. With the every changing climate in Tallahassee and in our own backyards it will take a push by all to create a new "RECYCLING MATRIX". That's why we NEED YOU to join the movement and become a part of the "M&M" crowd.

A MATRIX is defined in marketing as an organizational structure in which projects are assigned to task forces made up of people (YOU) from various functional departments. Each RFT member has something unique to give to our organization. So join in the fun...be an "M&M".

If you have questions on RFT's millennium matrix goals, call Tiffany Hughes at 1-800/741-5201 or Sally Palmi at 352/495-9215 for more information.

Welcome FORA!

Greetings from the new Florida Organics Recyclers Association (FORA) - Division of RecycleFlorida Today

By Chris Snow, Hillsborough County Solid Waste Management Department

The members of the 1998-1999 Board of Directors of FORA are excited to be a Division of Recycle Florida Today (RFT). RFT is the recognized association in the State of Florida that lives and breathes recycling and cares about the recycling industry from both the private and public sector perspectives. FORA is the equivalent in the area of organics recycling. In combining the strengths of both organizations we will further recycling in Florida.

FORA's Mission and Purpose will remain intact as a Division of RFT.

These are to:

1. Foster high standards and ethics in the business of recycling and reusing organic materials to assure safe production and beneficial use of compost, mulch and other organic recycled organic materials.
2. Serve as a unified voice on important issues related organic recycling by providing a forum for organic recyclers from the public private and nonprofit sectors to mutually discuss and resolve organic recycling issues.
3. Inform and educate the public, governmental and business community of the economic significance associated with organic recycling.
4. Encourage research and educational

dissemination of organic recycling information and to assist in development of markets for mulch, compost and other organic materials.

5. Work in conjunction with state agencies assisting in the development, promulgation implementation and enforcement of rules and regulation related to recycling and reuse of organic materials.

We know that many of the members of RFT also have responsibilities in the recycling of urban plant debris (yardwaste) and other organic materials. FORA would like to better serve your needs in this recycling effort. Method to accomplish this are:

1. Maintain structural integrity and identity as FORA, a Division of RFT through our RFT Board Seats of Chris Snow 813/276-8408, Joan Bradshaw 727/892-5688 and Richard Schroeder 352/377-8282.
2. Maintain committee and subcommittee structure and leadership with representatives in:
Technical Standards - Pat Byers 561/640-4000, X4611, Educational Outreach - Joan Bradshaw 727/892-5688, Food Waste - Sally Palmi 352/374-5213 and Aziz Shiralipour 352/392-1511, and Compost Marketing - Jeff Rogers 561/252-3544.

- Planned Activities for 1999-2000
- Conduct three FORA division meetings in conjunction with RFT functions and/or stand alone meetings and facility tours.
 - Provide articles for RFT newsletters
 - Participate with FDEP's Yard Trash Work Group on proposed changes to Composting Rule and disseminate resulting information to RFT members
 - Conduct four Technical Standards Committee teleconference meetings
 - Provide a 2 day or full day session on organic recycling at upcoming RFT Issues Forum and Annual Conference.
 - Develop and maintain an Organic Recycling Facility Directory
 - Assist RFT in identifying potential members from the organic recycling industry.
 - Continue developing a FORA web page addressing needs of the organic recycling industry.
 - Work in conjunction with all RFT divisions to address overall organizational needs.

Through the ongoing efforts of RFT members these goals and objectives will be realized. Please contact any of our committee leaders above, to obtain more information on how to become involved in organics recycling.

Organic Recycling Research and Technical Standards Update

By Pat Byers, Palm Beach County Solid Waste Authority

Contaminated Soils Forum

Based on information presented at the last Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Contaminated Soils Forum (CSF), concerns were raised about potential impacts on organic recyclers in Florida. Some of the risk based contaminate levels proposed by the CSF could potentially be used by FDEP in a host of existing environmental rules. In particular the low arsenic levels proposed could significantly effect the mulching and composting industries. Because arsenic is present in very high levels in

pressure treated lumber, FDEP is very concerned about keeping this hazardous element out of woody waste products such as compost and colorized mulch. FDEP has yet to decide about the validity of applying CSF standards to other types of soil amendments.

Regulatory Cost

A recent press release authored by David A Ridenour, Vice President of the National Center for Public Policy Research, addressed human health risks associated with regulatory cost. The article suggested that for every \$5

million dollars spent on regulatory cost, one American will die prematurely each year. The rationale for this conclusion stems from the theory that high regulatory costs ultimately result in lost wages and higher prices making fewer dollars available for health care, nutrition and better neighborhoods. All these factors effect our mortality over time.

In recent years, research models have been developed that predict health risks associated with a host of organic and inorganic compost. Based on these models, levels of potential human risk

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RESEARCH from page 4 can be established in an attempt to protect human health. An interesting portion of the equation often omitted is the effects that increased cost for higher standards has on human health.

Fertilizer Regulations

The U.S. Composting Council recently published a white paper on the American Association of Plant Food Control

official's attempts to regulate contaminants in fertilizers. This publication is the results of a fact finding mission by the Composting Council to better understand the implications of heavy metals in fertilizers and accurately inform their membership and industry. The focus of this effort was to determine the origin and tentative recommendation for the use of standards on heavy metals in fertilizer

products. There is speculation on the effect that these standards would have if the rule was applied to the compost and organic business. Several policy statements were approved by the Council Board as a result of the white paper. For details visit the Composting Council's web site at <http://compostingcouncil.org>

Developing Markets for Compost Products

By Dr. Aziz Shiralipour, Center for Biomass Programs, University of Florida

The growth of the compost industry in the United States is being driven by the increasing cost of landfilling waste, public spot for resource conservation and legislative mandates for waste diversion; not by demand for compost products. Yet if compost is to become a valuable resource to be managed for profit, new markets for its use must be developed. *Developing a Viable Market*

For any type of compost to be marketable, regardless of origin, it must pass minimum products standards for protection of public health and the environment. Commercial compost must consistently meet requirements of end use which may vary widely. Many communities are finding it necessary to meet or exceed all the requirements, and then put additional effort into marketing strategies that involve education and market development.

Meeting the Needs of the Consumer

As with all successful products in the marketplace, compost must meet the requirement of the end user. Three factors are of particular importance to compost users:

- 1) Cost
 - 2) Availability
 - 3) Quality
- Although availability and cost are

important factors in the development of compost markets, it appears that quality is the decisive factor. One of the most important steps in improving compost quality is minimizing the presence of hazardous materials such as heavy metals. The highest quality compost with the lowest levels of potentially harmful contaminants - particularly heavy metals are derived from source separated organic materials that were not mixed with other materials during collection of composting.

Steps for Successful Market Development

The long term feasibility of commercial compost depends largely upon building a market by demonstrating safe use and establishing its benefits—both practical and financial.

1. Conduct Market Assessment
 - A. Identify market requirements for compost product
 - B. Assess market capacity (current and potential)
2. Conduct chemical analyses on compost and plant tissue
 - A. Demonstrate the limits of heavy metals and toxic materials
 - B. Demonstrate the absence of odors and pathogens

C. Define methods to assure compost maturity and stability

3. Demonstrate the benefits of compost applications and the values associated:
Benefits

Increased water holding capacity
Increased cation exchange capacity
Improved plant growth response
Suppression of disease

Associated Values

Water conservation
Fertilizer saving
Yield increases
Pesticide reduction

4. Develop ongoing working relationship with end users through educational programs

- A. Workshops
- B. Field Day
- C. Fact Sheets
- D. Media outreach to grower association
- E. Publication of findings in regional newsletter and trade journal.

For further details, please refer to *Compost Use in Florida*, produced by the Florida Center for Solid and Hazardous Waste Management and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

County Connection

Pasco Provides Electronics Innovation

Pasco County, with a population of over 300,000 has seen a large growth spurt over the last few years. The county has historically been rural in the central and eastern portions of the county, with agriculture being the primary industry. The Gulf Coast or western portion of the county consists mainly of retirees or senior citizens, and therefore, businesses are geared towards serving their needs. Pasco County has two household hazardous

waste collection centers located in the eastern and western halves of the county. Many household items such as TVs, computer monitors, and other electronic equipment that have been brought to these locations were not acceptable due to the nature of the material. These materials were forced to be disposed of through our waste-to-energy facility. Because the Environmental Manager manned these sites twice a week, it was determined that this material could be segregated from the waste stream for reuse through a pilot

program. If the project proves viable, it can be used as a model program for other communities throughout the State of Florida. Support for this initiative in the form of a \$50,000 Innovative Grant will fully develop this new recycling program. We are in the early months of the project and have just begun receiving electronic materials. With Y2K right around the corner, we will be prepared for the surplus of computer and electronic equipment that will soon be antiquated.

For more information contact: Dr.

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For Your Information



America Recycles Day (ARD) is entering its third year. 1999's slogan is "For our children's future...buy recycled today." Please emphasize this message in the events, written materials and presentations you plan. An Event Planning Guide is available through the Internet at: www.americarecyclesday.org. This Guide is geared to help you make the "Buy Recycled" point. This year ARD wants to make an affirmative statement about recycling and the positive legacy we are leaving to future generations when we close the

loop by purchasing recycled products.

ARD will continue the tradition of awarding a grand prize of the American Green Dream House with a slight modification. The next house will be awarded in December 2000. Participants in 1999 America Recycles Day events will be able to fill out and submit pledge cards that will be entered into the Year 2000 drawing. Families of children who enter in 1999 will be eligible to win 25 remanufactured computers for donation to a school of the winner's choice; a trip for 4 to Disney World (4 days/3 nights) including round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, and tickets to the park; and a computer.

In two short years, America Recycles Day has generated renewed public enthusiasm for recycling. With your continued support, this unique partnership of federal, state, local, business, and nonprofit organizations will exceed last year's performance.

Internet News

The Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Waste Management has recently revamped web pages resulting in address changes. To maintain your connections, make note of these changes:

All Waste programs (including Recycling) are listed at:
www.dep.state.fl.us/dwm/programs.htm

Publications are listed at: www.dep.state.fl.us/dwm/documents.htm

Also make note that Y2K Innovative Recycling Grant information will soon be posted at: www.dep.state.fl.us/dwm/programs/recycling/igg2k

CORRECTION: In the Spring issue of *Renewable News*, the free EPA "Pay-as-you-Throw" Video phone number provided was incorrect. To order call 1-888-EPA-PAYT (372-7298) or visit the program's website at:
www.epa.gov/payt/tools.htm.

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Farouk El-Shamy, Environmental Manager, Pasco County Utilities, 727/847-8041.

Sarasota Teaches Home Composting On-Line

Anyone with access to the Internet can now get the help they need to compost in their own backyards by using Florida's On-Line Composting Center at www.compostinfo.com, a new Internet resource developed by Sarasota County. As Florida's first Website completely devoted to backyard composting, Florida's On-Line Composting Center is breaking new ground by offering 24-hour a day support for both veteran

composters and those wanting to learn how to start backyard composting.

The site is user-friendly, offering a quick tutorial for those who only want to learn the basics, as well as a full tutorial that provides in-depth training on compost theory and practice. The site also offers several interactive tools to help visitors choose the right composting system for them, determine when their compost is ready for use, balance compost pile nutrients, and test their knowledge.

Composting is important considering more than 20 percent of household waste is organic materials that can be composted, rather than disposed. The compost that is produced acts as a valuable amendment to sandy soils like

Recycling Versus Subsidies

A report released last March entitled "Welfare for Waste, How Federal Taxpayer Subsidies Waste Resources and Discourage Recycling" cites the impact federal subsidies have on recycling. It can be downloaded at www.grrn.org.

Employment Opportunity

RecycleFlorida Today, Inc. (RFT) is seeking a qualified individual or firm to provide management services for the association. If you are interested and would like to obtain a copy of the RFT Professional Services Bid Form and Request for Professional Services Application please e-mail Gene Jones at gjones@mail.fsu.edu by August 13th providing your name, company name, mailing address, phone and fax numbers and e-mail address. If you have any questions, call Gene at 850/386-6280.

Kid's Recycling Handbook Available

"A Recycling Handbook for Kids" by Gail Gibbons is a paperback guide to recycling for children ages 5 to 8. Call 1-800-843-2665 for ordering information.



those found in Florida, adding organic matter that helps landscapes better retain water and nutrients.

Because most people do yard-work on weekends when assistance is difficult to find. Should traditional resources be unavailable, libraries and garden centers for example, where can you turn for support? With the Internet always available, this is a perfect marriage of high-tech information exchange and low-tech environmental conservation.

Florida's On-Line Composting Center was developed by the County through an Innovative Grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. R. W. Beck, Inc., Orlando, and Resource Management Group, Inc., Sarasota, Fl. created the Website. The University of Florida serves as host.

Recycling Raves

Tiffany Makes Honor Roll, receiving 1999 International Tire and Rubber Award

RFT Past Chair Tiffany Hughes is the first to admit that all she knew about tires six years ago when she joined American Rubber Technologies, was there were four on her car. Today, as Vice President of Marketing and Sales for ART Tiffany is responsible for the marketing and sales of recycled rubber products produced from over 2 million tires processed annually at the company's Jackson- facility.

Through her efforts, thousands of children throughout Florida play on Sports Turf RubberStuff- a playground safety covering. Residents and travelers in Florida ride on quieter, long-lasting roads made with ART's 40 mesh crumb rubber and horse owners have installed Equestri-Foot, ART's rubber arena footing in their training facilities providing a safer, fatigue-reducing surface for the horses.

Under Tiffany's guidance, ART's sales department has also developed a strong government relations program, lobbying on both the state and government level to make sure recycling and the procurement of recycled content goods are priorities in Florida's waste management objectives. Way to roll Tiffany!

Training Ends and Recycling Race Begins



1999 Recycling Coordinator Training Course Receives Rave Reviews.

By Gene Jones

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the University of Florida and RecycleFlorida Today, Inc., conducted Recycling Coordinator Training on June 22-25, 1999 in Daytona Beach. Based on 46 evaluations from course participants, this course received overall higher scores than all prior courses.

Following are the ratings (Scale: 1-5 with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent):

Course: 4.25

Instructors: 4.21

Organization of program: 4.27

Registration: 4.24

Facility used/meeting rooms: 3.88

Brochure information: 4.07

Breaks/lunch functions 3.88

Hotel accommodations 2.95

Committee Updates

Nominations

by Rebecca Stone, Chair

RFT = Really Fine Turnout in the recent elections. The Nominations Committee thanks all members who ran for the RFT Board of Directors. Those elected to advance RFT into the Millennium are:

Chair - Mitch Kessler Vice-Chair - Ivan Lawyer
Treasurer - Susan Lancianese Secretary - Stephanie Ragans

New Board members and their goals are:

Jackie Eldridge - Wants RFT to expand the number and relationships of public and private industry members, to continue excelling in the field of recycling and to bring new topics and speakers to our Issues Forums.

Miriam Zimms - Wants to help communicate RFT's benefits to corporate/private entities in the areas of improving the bottom line, economic and market development, environmental corporate citizenship, community relations and partnering with government and other private agencies.

Ray Moreau - Wants to focus RFT's efforts on new and continuing membership with more emphasis involving the private sector and cities. Moreau believes RFT needs to grow in order to assure its viability well into the next century and that it is reasonable to have a goal of 400 total members by the end of the Y2K —RFT currently has nearly 300 members. He challenges every member to sign up at least one new member over the next year.

James Croft - Wants to work toward better communications among all counties and to assist in encouraging greater participation from more rural counties.

Calendar

- **August 23 - Southeast Recycling Investment Forum** in Charleston SC. Contact: Ted Campbell at 803/737-0477.
- September 13-15 – Fall Recycling Issues Forum at the World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine. See article on page 1. For registration information contact Sally Palmi at 352/374-5213 or Suncom 651-5213.
- **September 27-29 - The NRC's 18th Annual Congress & Exposition** will take place in Cincinnati, Ohio. Call 703/683-9025, ext. 401 for more information or visit the NRC web site at www.nrc-recycle.org.

- **September 29 - FORA Research and Technical Standards Committee Meeting** 10-11:00. Call 561-640-4000 ext. 7099 to participate.
- **October 1 - International Big R Show** in Orlando. Sponsored by Automotive Parts Rebuilders. Contact Jeanie Magathan at 703/968-2772.
- **October 28-29 - NRC Rural Recycling Seminar** will take place in Fort Wayne, Indiana. A second seminar will take place in the late Fall in Rock Hill, South Carolina. For more information contact Nikki J. Jones at 703/683-9025 ext. 213 or send an email to Nikkij@nrc-recycle.org.
- **November 10-14 - ISRI Paper Stock Industries Chapter Conference** in Palm Beach Gardens. Contact Stan Litman at 214/357-0262.