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NRC Names New Acting Director

The National Recycling Coalition's board of directors announced Friday, October 12, 2001 that **Kate Krebs** has been named acting executive director of the NRC. "Ms. Krebs has served as deputy director for the past year and will provide staff leadership and board support in the months ahead as the search begins for a new executive director," said NRC President Paul Baldrige.

Krebs has been a leader in the recycling field since 1982 when she began serving as executive director of the Arcata Community Recycling Center in northern California. She is a past president of the Arcata Economic Development Corporation and formerly served as chair of the NRC board of directors. Krebs was named California's "Recycler of the Year" in 1999.

"I welcome the opportunity to serve the NRC as acting executive director," said Krebs. "I look forward to working with the board of directors and members during this transition period."

The NRC board of directors also expressed their sincere appreciation for the leadership provided by Dr. William Ferretti over the past five years. Ferretti assumed the executive director's position in October 1996.

The board of directors will announce plans for a search process for a new executive director in the near future. More information will be announced at the NRC's Annual Congress & Exposition in Seattle, Washington being held January 13-16, 2002.

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MRC Hosts 1st Recycling Extravaganza

The Maryland Recyclers Coalition held its first **Recycling Extravaganza** on October 25th. The City of Laurel graciously donated their parking lot area for the event. While the turnout for this first event was modest, it set the foundation for future events. Items that were collected included used computers, monitors, paper, and other traditional recyclable materials.

The Maryland Recyclers Coalition wishes to thank the following individuals and companies responsible for developing the event:

Planning committee members: Bob Ernst, Sarah Manning, Joanie Noland, Joe Trabert, and Marilyn Rybak. The committee wishes to express a special thank you to the

many volunteers who provided support and to Steve Kullen for developing the Source Reduction Brochure and for setting up the MRC display booth and to Marilyn Rybak for her dedication and stamina.

Sponsors included: Eastern Shore Environmental, Fairfax Recycling, Maryland Environmental Service, Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority, Pinnacle Waste, Inc., Waste Management of Greater Washington, Laurel Pappa Johns, and the City of Laurel.

Vendors who supplied their services: The Loading Dock, Subtractions, LLC, Good Knight Campaign, Planet Aid, and Recycle America.



Joyce Beck, Executive Director of the Prince George's County Citizens Concerned for a Cleaner County, and Juanita Wilson, an event volunteer, share a light moment at the Laurel event.

Mark Your Calendar

MRC's 14th Annual Conference: Community College of Baltimore -
Catonsville, MD — May 29-31, 2002

State Recycling Coordinator Resigns

Hallie Clemm, Maryland State Recycling Coordinator, resigned from her position, effective November 30, 2001 and will return to her former employer, the District of Columbia.



After just over 18 months in MDE's top recycling position, Clemm announced her departure in early November, stating, "My true love has always been municipal government." Clemm leaves the Maryland

Department of the Environment in search of another leader.

Clemm has accepted a position in the Washington D.C. Department of Public Works office and will be working closely with direct service

"My true love has always been municipal government"

delivery and performance budgeting.

In her short term as the recycling chief, Clemm became known for her ability to motivate fellow staff and was acknowledged for her interest in increasing public awareness, especially through television public service announcements.

Baltimore County Offers ReUse Directory

Check This Before You Chuck That!

A great reference tool is now available for Baltimore County residents and businesses who want to reuse materials instead of throwing them away: the 2001 Reuse Directory.

Produced by the Baltimore County Bureau of Solid Waste Management's Recycling Division, the 2001 Reuse Directory is an expanded guide to local and national organizations that accept a variety of donated materials—everything from appliances to pet supplies to wheelchairs.

The Reuse Directory matches people who have materials to donate with organizations that accept them. The directory includes useful information about each organization such as phone number, location, materials accepted, services available and how the donated materials will be reused.

The information in this directory will make it easier for Baltimore County businesses and residents to start a regular donation routine. Reusing materials reduces waste and helps less fortunate people.

To request a Reuse Directory or for further information, Baltimore County businesses and residents may contact the Bureau of Solid Waste Management at 410-887-2000. When the recording begins, callers should dial 1032 and leave a clear message requesting the 2001 Reuse Directory, along with name, address and telephone number.

The complete Reuse Directory can also be found on the Bureau of Solid Waste Management web page. Log on to the Baltimore County government web site (www.co.ba.md.us) and click on "Trash and Recycling" under *County Services*. That will take you to a direct link to the Reuse Directory.

Welcome A-Board

MRC recently installed three new members to the Board of Directors. Bob Ernst, past board member and recycling coordinator for Harford County, was installed as the Treasurer. Sarah Manning, principal with Subtractions, Inc. and Greg Kappler, Senior Scientist with Constellation Energy, Inc., also joined the board.



Greg Kappler, Constellation Energy, joins MRC Board

Norton Joins Pepco

Former Board of Directors member and current MRC member, Bruce Norton, recently accepted a position with Pepco (Potomac Electric Power Company).

Norton accepted the position of Senior Environmental Scientist in October and works from his office in Washington, D.C.

Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) is an investor-owned company that engages in regulated utility operations and, through its wholly owned subsidiaries, provides competitive energy and telecommunications products and services to nearly 1.9 million customers in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area.



Other Member News

In other member news, congratulations to Southeast Paper Recycling Company's Anita Grayson. On September 15, 2001, Anita and Booker Kevin Evans were married. Congratulations Anita and Booker.

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New Member

Louise Newcomer

Learn Shop, Inc.
Wheaton, MD

www.learnshop.org

Harford County Recycles 8 Tons of Electronics

First-Ever eCycling Event!

Having clearly outlived their usefulness, the old friends were pulled off basement shelves, from closet floors and out from under desks October 26th and loaded into vehicles for a ride to the Harford County Disposal and Recycling Center.

There, car trunks were opened and truck cargo areas were exposed to showcase an old-timers parade of computers, monitors, keyboards, speakers, printers, scanners, disc drives, cables, television sets and other pieces of electronic equipment. Just before depositing their property to the waiting arms of recycling volunteers, more than one driver offered a final wave to the equipment which saw them through school work, budget crunch sheets, the first few years of the Internet and countless hours of must-see TV.

It was all part of the state's first-ever eCycling event sponsored by the Harford County Recycling Office in cooperation with the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Maryland Department of the Environment. Similar programs are planned for other communities around the state.

"Some 150 vehicles delivered eight tons of computers, monitors and television sets over a four-hour period," said Harford County Recycling Coordinator BOB ERNST. "The national average for an event like this is 90 pounds per car. However, Harford County produced 107 pounds per car."

Many residents thanked the volunteers for providing them with an opportunity to recycle their old computers and TVs instead of throwing them away, according to Ernst.

"We saw some pretty old console televisions that people have had for a long, long time. When they would drop them off it was like they were sending their child off to college. We heard comments like 'it only needs a tube and it will be as good as

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County Receives National Award

Bronze for the Bureau!

The Baltimore County Bureau of Solid Waste Management won the *Planning and Management Excellence* Bronze Award for Integrated Solid Waste Systems from the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). Baltimore County received the award for its unique, cost-effective, residential refuse/recycling management system.

Baltimore County's residential refuse/recycling network evolved over the years into a smooth system that provides a wide range of solid waste management services to 750,000 residents. There are many components that work together to make up the total system. Among them are: refuse/recycling collection for more than 300,000 households

by 49 private collectors; four drop-off centers; three transfer stations; yard waste composting; household hazardous waste collection; and many more. The complex system aims to put waste prevention first, then recycling, followed by waste-to-energy, and lastly landfilling. Baltimore County's 40% recycling rate for 2000, coupled with its 3% credit for waste prevention activities, demonstrate the progress Baltimore County is making.

SWANA presented the bronze award to the Bureau on the last day of WASTECON 2001, held at the Baltimore Convention Center, October 14 – 18. Training courses, technical sessions, and hundreds of interesting exhibits made WASTECON 2001 a great experience for thousands from the local area and around the world.

Look for the Loop Gets Warm Kick-Off

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) launched a new pilot program October 30, 2001 designed to help consumers find products that are made from recyclables. The *Look for the Loop* program was unveiled at the Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) store in College Park, with MDE in partnership with the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources (DER).

The Look for the Loop Kick-Off brought together the Maryland Recyclers Coalition, University of Maryland, Maryland Environmental Service, Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and the Mayor of University Park along with county officials from Harford, Howard and Calvert counties.

"REI is thrilled to help kick-off Look for the Loop program. Our mission to foster stewardship and appreciation of our environment makes this a great and obvious partnership," REI Retail Manager Scott Mitchell said. Tours of the College Park Look for the Loop retailers, REI, My Organic Market, and College Park Florist gave attendees the opportunity to see shelf tags, brochures and placards that increase consumer awareness of buying recycled products.



Kelly Schaefer, MDE "Look for the Loop" coordinator, points out some of the recycled products available at the local store in College Park.

Movers & Shakers:

Annual Computer Report Card Issued, Advisories on Anthrax Exposure, Bottle Bill Summit, and New Leadership at the U.S. Composting Council

Several environmental groups across the U.S. have joined together to release the **3rd Annual Computer Report Card** and to launch the **Computer TakeBack Campaign**. According to the report card, U.S. companies lag behind their overseas competitors in clean production, health-related issues and producing environmentally superior products. For more info, visit www.svtc.org or www.grn.org.

Concerned about potential **anthrax exposure for recycling and waste disposal**

What's Happening on the Hill:

EPA Appropriations Move Forward; Energy Stalled

A conference committee of House and Senate lawmakers has reached agreement on the Environmental Protection Agency's budget for FY 2002 (which began October 1, 2001). Congress will provide EPA with \$7.9 billion, a \$75 million increase over last year and nearly \$600 million more than the Bush Administration's request.

EPA and other domestic agencies can expect less next year. The Bush Administration is signaling that its proposed budget for FY 2003 (which begins October 1, 2002) will emphasize defense and national security spending, leaving less support for domestic issues, including environmental and energy programs.

While lawmakers are moving forward with appropriations bills, the energy bill is stalled. Senate Democrats have announced that they will not vote on the energy bill until next year, despite the President's urging that they move forward now.



workers, the Institute for Scrap Recycling Industries and the National Solid Wastes Management Association have issued advisories for their members. NRC has distributed the NSWMA advisory to its members and posted it on the NRC website.

The Container Recycling Institute hosted a **Bottle Bill Summit** in Washington D.C. December 1-3. The agenda included an analysis of the current policy and political landscape, as well as ways to build support for and expand bottle bills.

The **U.S. Composting Council** is under new management. Dr. Stuart C. Buckner has stepped down as president of the organization to become its executive director. Jack Hoeck, former vice president, will act as the organization's president until its officer elections in March 2002.

What Will Materials and Waste Management Look Like in 20 Years? EPA Has Some Ideas and Wants Yours

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has released a draft white paper entitled "**Beyond RCRA: Prospects for Waste & Materials Management in the Year 2020.**" The 18-page document identifies a number of trends and suggests general strategies and tools that might be used to build a new vision for the future of the RCRA program.

The white paper envisions a **more comprehensive waste and materials management system**, where materials that are now considered wastes would be treated as material commodities with potential uses, rather than as useless materials destined for disposal. Potential strategies to bring about this change include waste generation fees or surcharges on consumption of certain resources, credits or rebates to reward resource use efficiencies, extended product responsibility, mandated recycling of certain materials, and much more.

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NRC Affiliates

The **National Recycling Coalition (NRC)** offers you access to state, regional and national networks, individuals and organizations that are resources for you. Together we can address the opportunities and challenges of recycling in the 21st Century.

A true coalition, NRC represents the diverse interests involved in recycling — giving you access to individuals and organizations in every aspect of recycling, from collection and processing to manufacturing and buying recycled.

Our coalition also includes State Recycling Organizations that provide you with a local network to address regional issues including legislation and population profiles.

When you join the NRC and live in an affiliate state, we will send your name to your State Recycling Organization so you can become an active part of its network. By joining the Maryland Recyclers Coalition, you can enjoy the privileges of membership with the National Recycling Coalition.

Who Are NRC Affiliate Members?

With all the coming and goings and growth of the National Recycling Coalition, it's time for an update on the current state members:

Arizona - California - The Carolinas -
Colorado - Connecticut - Illinois -
Indiana - **Maryland** - Massachusetts -
Michigan - Minnesota - Missouri -
Nebraska - New Mexico - New York -
Ohio - Oregon - Pennsylvania -
Tennessee - Texas - Utah - Washington -
Wisconsin

MES Completes 150th Recycled Training Seminar

Receives Funding From American
Plastics Council

The Maryland Environmental Service (MES) recently completed the 150th buy recycled training program since the start of the program in 1993. MES conducted the training at the International WASTECON sponsored by the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA). At the training, federal, state and local officials learned ways to improve their buy recycled efforts.

In addition to the SWANA training, MES has recently conducted training in Sarasota, FL and at the National Aquarium in Baltimore.

MES has received funding from the American Plastics Council (APC) to support the training. This will help MES conduct additional training programs. MES is also assisting APC by distributing their recently published "Recycled Plastics Product Directory", which lists more than 1400 products made from recycled plastics.

MES has copies of the 6th Edition of the Buy Recycled Training Manual available and can provide training for public and private organizations. For additional information, contact: Richard Keller, Chief of Recycling, Maryland Environmental Service, 2011 Commerce Park Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401, 410-974-7254, www.menv.com

Future Members

On America Recycles Day (November 15th) Beryl and Mike Eismeier introduced their first child, *Thomas Michael* Eismeier, to the world! Can this ARD event be topped by any other state? I don't think so . . .

Monty Davison announced the birth of his newest family member, *Sarah*. She joined Mom & Dad on October 30, 2001 and weighed in at 6 pounds, 11 ounces. Sarah will most likely postpone her membership for a few years. Congratulations to both Mr. & Mrs. Eismeier and Mr. & Mrs. Davison (and of course Thomas Michael and Sarah too).

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new," Ernst recalled, adding "These people kept those huge console TVs for just such an event."

The computers and TVs donated during the Harford County event will be processed by Subtractions, an electronics recycler based in Annapolis Junction, Maryland. There, 90 to 95 percent of the material collected Saturday will be recycled.

Harford County Public Works Administrative Assistant Tammy Vass volunteered to help collect the donations. She said it was great to see the smiles and excitement in the people who came out.

"Some of the items looked to be over 50 years old," Vass said. "One TV looked like it had been kept in a barn or chicken coop."

For more information about eCycling and other recycling efforts, contact the Harford County Recycling Office at 410-638-3417 or the Maryland Department of the Environment's website: www.mde.state.mde.us.

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The white paper was developed jointly by the EPA and state environmental agencies to inspire a dialogue on what the future could hold for the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) program in 20 years.

EPA is seeking public comments on the white paper through two informal public meetings, one held in Washington D.C. on November 28 and the other scheduled for December 11 in San Francisco. Comments can also be sent in writing to the EPA by January 31, 2002 with the words "Beyond RCRA" on the top of the first page. You may submit comments by e-mail to rca-docket@epa.gov or by regular mail to: Beyond RCRA, c/o RCRA Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

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Meetings & Conferences

Jan 13 - 16, 2002 — National
Recycling Coalition Annual
Congress & Exposition.
Seattle, WA (703) 683-9025;
www.nrc-recycle.org

Jan 29, 2002 — Maryland
Recyclers Coalition Monthly Board
Meeting.

MRC Executive Directors Office, 111 South
Calvert Street, Suite 2700, Baltimore.

March 13 - 14, 2002 —
International Electronic Products
Recovery & Recycling Conference.
Washington DC. (202) 293-2270;
Contact: Kristin Marsteller.

MRC Board Meeting

December 18, 2001

The Board of Directors will
hold their monthly business
meeting. All members are
encouraged to attend.

10 a.m to noon

**Maryland Department of the
Environment (MDE) Office
Broening Highway,
Baltimore, MD**

For additional information, please call
the MRC: (410) 990-1181

Donate to the MRC

The season of giving is once again upon us and the MRC might be a good solution to your donation questions. Founded over a decade ago as a non-profit educational outreach organization, the Maryland Recyclers Coalition has been the voice of recycling in Maryland. It meets monthly to discuss topics of recycling interest, including waste minimization, zero waste, resource conservation and other interesting issues. The yearly conference, open to all, is a great source of education and networking.

When thinking about a donation this year, please consider the MRC. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which can accept donations which are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.