

RECYCLING INDUSTRY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE GROUPS

The Recycling Industry Committee (RIC) will be a diverse consortium of trade group representatives working with the Project Team and TCEQ to help with targeted outreach to increase survey participation among respondents in their professional networks. More information about the groups represented on the RIC is included below.

American Forest and Paper Association (AF&PA): AF&PA is the national trade association of the forest products industry and advances public policies that promote a strong and sustainable U.S. forest products industry in the global marketplace. AF&PA's member companies make up more than 75 percent of U.S. pulp, paper, paper-based packaging and wood building materials – essential products used every day that are made from renewable and recyclable resources. For more information: <http://www.afandpa.org>.

Carton Council: The Carton Council is a group of carton manufacturers united to deliver long-term collaborative solutions in order to divert valuable cartons from the landfill. The major members of the Carton Council include Elopak, Sig, Evergreen Packaging and Tetra Pak – all manufacturers of aseptic and gabletop food and beverage cartons. For more information: <http://www.cartonopportunities.org>.

Construction and Demolition Recycling Association (CDRA): CDRA promotes and defends the environmentally sound recycling of more than 325 million tons of recoverable construction and demolition materials (such as concrete, asphalt, wood, metals, etc.) that are generated in the U.S. annually. The CDRA represents a diverse group of member companies and agencies from many C&D materials recycling disciplines and industry specialties active in the U.S. and other countries. For more information: <http://www.cdrecycling.org>.

Cooperative Teamwork and Recycling Assistance (CTRA): CTRA is a nonprofit organization that provides cooperative marketing of recyclable commodities and promotes the development of end-markets for recyclables in Texas. CTRA consists of 60 rural recycling cooperatives representing more than 500 public, private, and nonprofit entities. For more information: <http://recyclingassistance.org>.

Electronic Resource Recovery Council (ERRC): The ERRC is a topical working group comprised of State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR) members including representatives of computer manufacturers, recyclers and local governments. The Council's goals and strategies reflect a common appreciation of the current and potential benefits and liabilities of electronic technology and a common acknowledgement of

its commitment to the responsible management of electronic resources. For more information:

<http://www.recyclingstar.org>.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 (EPA6): The EPA is an agency of the U.S. federal government which was created for the purpose of protecting human health and the environment by writing and enforcing regulations based on laws passed by Congress. EPA has also taken a programmatic stance on developing a roadmap for sustainable materials management in the U.S., and EPA encourages governmental entities, businesses and universities to participate in a number of materials management challenges around electronics recycling and food waste reduction. EPA also runs the State Data Measurement Sharing Program, which is an online reporting, information sharing, and measurement tool that allows U.S. states to share a wide range of information including waste, recycling and composting tonnage. EPA Region 6 is the section that serves Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and 66 tribes. For more information: <http://www.epa.gov>.

Glass Packaging Institute (GPI): GPI is the trade association representing the North American glass container industry. On behalf of glass container manufacturers, GPI promotes glass as the optimal packaging choice, advances environmental and recycling policies, advocates industry standards and educates packaging professionals. For more information: <http://www.gpi.org>.

Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries Inc. (ISRI): ISRI is a U.S.-based trade association representing more than 1,600 private and public for-profit companies operating at more than 6,000 facilities in the U.S. Its membership is comprised of manufacturers and processors, brokers and industrial consumers of scrap commodities, including ferrous and nonferrous metals, paper, electronics, rubber, plastics, glass and textiles. ISRI has a number of regional and topical chapters, including a Gulf Coast Chapter that includes Texas in its local representation and the Paper Stock Industries Chapter that includes scrap paper recycling companies. For more information: <http://www.isri.org>.

National Association for Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) Container Resources (NAPCOR): NAPCOR is the trade association for the PET plastic packaging industry. It works to promote the introduction and use of PET packaging, facilitate its recycling, and communicate the attributes of the PET container as an environmentally sustainable package. For more information: <http://www.napcor.com>.

National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA): NWRA is the trade association that represents the private sector solid waste and recycling industry. It advocates on behalf of its members by advancing policies to help make the industry safer and to promote growth and innovation. NWRA has active

regional chapters such as the Sunbelt Region, which includes a Texas chapter. For more information: <https://www.wasterecycling.org>.

North American Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMA): NAHMMA is a professional organization dedicated to pollution prevention and reducing the hazardous constituents entering municipal waste streams from households, small businesses and other entities that may be exempt from local, regional or national regulations. The association has more than 400 members and 10 regional chapters, including the Lone Star Chapter that is representative of members from Texas, many of whom are local governments who manage household hazardous waste programs. For more information: <http://www.nahmma.org>.

Recycling Council of Texas (RCOT): RCOT is a trade association representing the metals recycling industry within the state of Texas. RCOT represents about 150 metal recycling businesses across Texas, which account for about 80-90 percent of all recycled metal in the state. Their primary priority is to educate and inform the community, decision makers and regulators about the process, procedures and issues of the metals recycling industry within the state of Texas. For more information: <http://recyclingcounciloftexas.com>.

Representative Ed Thompson and Senator Jose Rodriguez: Staff from State Representative Ed Thompson's (R-Pearland) and State Senator Jose Rodriguez (D-El Paso) will also be invited as ex-officio members of the RIC. Representative Thompson introduced House Bill 2763 in the 84th Legislature, which is the precedent for the Study on the Economic Impacts of Recycling.

Society of the Plastics Industry (SPI): SPI is the plastics industry trade association representing the third largest manufacturing industry in the U.S. SPI advances a pro-manufacturing agenda, strengthens global competitiveness, improves productivity and pursues zero waste strategies for the U.S. plastics industry. For more information: <http://www.plasticsindustry.org/>

Solid Waste Association of North America – Lone Star Chapter (TxSWANA): SWANA is an organization of professionals committed to advancing from solid waste management to resource management. TxSWANA, the Texas chapter of SWANA, is made up of over 400 individual members from various areas of the solid waste industry. For more information: <http://www.txswana.org>.

Texas Association of Business (TAB): TAB is an employer organization representing companies from the largest multi-national corporations to small businesses that operate in Texas. TAB works to improve the Texas business climate and to help make Texas' economy strong through legislative, regulator and

judicial action. TAB is supportive of market-driven systems that are beneficial for the state and businesses of Texas, including a healthy materials management system. For more information: <http://www.txbiz.org>.

Texas Association of Regional Councils (TARC): TARC is the statewide association that assists Texas' 24 regional councils of governments in strengthening their capabilities to serve their local government members and provide a forum for information sharing and education among the councils. TARC also works to inform the general public about the services and functions of regional councils – one service being promoting regional municipal solid waste and environmental quality planning. For more information: <http://www.txregionalcouncil.org>.

Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Municipal Solid Waste Resource Recovery Advisory Council (MSWRRAC): The MSWRRAC is an advisory council for the TCEQ that reviews, evaluates and recommends policies, special studies and projects to further the effectiveness of municipal solid waste management and resource recovery. The council members represent various interests in the solid waste industry. For more information: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov>.

Texas Compost Council (TCC): The TCC is a topical group comprised of State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR) members, such as Living Earth, City of Wichita Falls, and New Earth. The TCC works to promote the use and environmentally responsible production of compost by individuals, industry and public entities through public education, professional development and research. Annually, the TCC hosts an industrial composter operator training course and this event is the premier educational and networking event for industrial composters in Texas. For more information: <http://www.recyclingstar.org>.

Texas Product Stewardship Council (TxPSC): The TxPSC is a topical group comprised of State of Texas Alliance for Recycling (STAR) members, such as the City of Georgetown, Balcones Resources, Travis County and more. The TxPSC was formed to shift Texas' product waste management system from one focused on government funded and ratepayer financed waste diversion to one that relies on producer responsibility in order to reduce public costs and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability. The TxPSC focuses programmatic and educational outreach on a number of hard-to-recycle items commonly dealt with by local governments, such as pharmaceuticals, electronics, paint, tires, and more. For more information: <http://www.recyclingstar.org>.

Texas Retailers Association (TRA): TRA is a nonprofit trade organization dedicated to keeping Texas “retail friendly” for business owners through legislative advocacy. TRA's diverse membership represents over 5,000 Texas retailers of all size, in every segment of the retail industry and thousands of jobs. TRA's membership includes many companies that have sustainability and zero waste initiatives such as Pepsi Co

and H-E-B, big box stores such as Target, and even recycling processors like Avangard Innovative. For more information: www.txretailers.org.