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From the President:

It seems that the field of Solid Waste has had and continues to have its challenges. The one that came to the forefront lately is "Recycling". It happens to be one of the top items identified in our survey of members. The fact that Kansas Business Recyclers Association (Kansas BIRP) is going to close brings up a very good question, "What's next"? Do we want to build and enhance the current recycling efforts at the "WORKS" Conference or do we want a complete new association/organization for recycling? Maybe there is something in between?

There was a well attended meeting in Lyons, Kansas on February 23rd on this subject. There were some very good ideas expressed on all sides of the issue. My concern is how do we build on the good that has been accomplished without starting over, using our limited resources to best expand our state wide recycling effort. What role can the Sunflower Chapter play.

This activity is to be continued in the form of a Roundtable Discussion session to be held at the upcoming "WORKS" Conference in Newton later this month. Attend if you can, if you cannot attend let one of your board members or me know your opinions.

I would like to encourage you to take an active part in your Chapter's activities, your membership is like an investment the more you put in or use it the more benefit you will receive.

Bill Ridge

Recycling In Morris County

By: Gary W. Krause

Morris County Solid Waste Director

Morris County celebrated 5 years of recycling in 2004! Over these past 5 years, the Recycling Center has collected a total of 2,372 tons of recyclables and has received \$251,779.00 from its sales. We have grown from 417 tons of recyclables its first year, to 569 tons, this last year. This countywide recycling program has been very successful not only because there was a tremendous need for recycling in this area between Emporia and Manhattan, but also we received grant money from KDHE to buy recycling equipment to start our program.

The Morris County Recycling Center is located 2 miles east of Council Grove on Hwy 56 at the County Complex. This building is a 60' x 120', pre-engineered, all steel facility and serves as the main drop-off and processing center. In this building are Gaylord boxes labeled for each recyclable for ease of use by the public. Items accepted are: corrugated cardboard, news paper, magazines, office waste paper, white paper, plastic pop bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles, aluminum, tin cans, and glass containers.

We have established collections routes. 1) In-town route: pick up containers located at approximately 60 businesses, the high school and grade school. Items collected are cardboard, tin cans and plastic bottles. The primary recyclable material collected is cardboard. 2) Out- of- town route: recyclables are collect at Dwight, Alta Vista, Wilsey, Burdick, White City and Pyrodex Corp., and cardboard from businesses in Herington. Each town has a drop-off site and the county provides the collection containers. The Transfer Station, located within 100 yards of the recycling center, has also been a good source of recyclable materials such as cardboard and aluminum cans.

Morris County Recycling Program has been very well received by the public and continues to grow. For further information please contact Gary Kracuse at (620) 767-5519.

WORKS 2005!

March 29-31

Bethel College-North Newton, KS

- * *HHW Refresher Training and Program Enhancements*
- * *Prepare Compost for Higher End Markets*
- * *Waste Reduction Tour*
- * *Using Data to Start or Enhance Recycling Programs*
- * *Paint, Paint and more Paint*
- * *Media Relations/Target*
- * *Recycling, Composting, and HHW Roundtables*

SWANA Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) available for many training and concurrent sessions.

Program and registration information is available on-line at http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us/waste/bwm_works_05.html or by calling (785) 296-1600

Don't forget to check out our website at www.swanaks.org

Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Collection Events

During November of 2004 KDHE sponsored an E-Waste Collection and Recycling Event. This pilot project was conducted in Seward, Chase and Lyon counties. The event collected more than 50 tons of E-Waste. All of the material collected was shipped to an electronic waste recycler in Pennsylvania called Envirocycle. This waste will be disassembled and up to 95% of the material is recycle or reused.

KHDE sponsored this event by purchasing promotion, transportation and the recycling costs of the products. Nye and Associates of Wichita developed a media campaign to promote the event.

This event will help KDHE make assessments and recommendations for an E-Waste program in Kansas. USEPA is currently looking at regulations which may ban E-Waste from landfills. This event will help our state prepare for this to happen and be ahead of the game in establishing a statewide E-Waste program. We applaud KDHE for their efforts.

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Upcoming Events!

WORKS Conference	March 28-31, 2005	Newton, Kansas
Household Hazardous Waste Training		
24 Hour Initial Training	April 12-14, 2005	Hays, Kansas
	May 17-19, 2005	Topeka, Kansas
Refresher Training	March 29, 2005 (WORKS)	Newton, Kansas
	April 5, 2005	Kansas City, Kansas
	April 26, 2005	Ottawa, Kansas
	April 28, 2005	Olathe, Kansas
	May 10, 2005	Hays, Kansas
	May 11, 2005	Colby, Kansas
	June 14, 2005	Manhattan, Kansas
KDHE Municipal Solid Waste Operators Training	November 2-3	Great Bend, Kansas

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