

CDRA Is Open!

While we are all working from home during the pandemic, we are still available via e-mail at info@cdrecycling.org. CDRA Executive Director William Turley can be reached at 630-585-7530 or turley@cdrecycling.org.

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C&D Collection Part of Essential Services

The CDRA has learned that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Agency (DHS) has recognized solid waste collection workers as part of the **Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce**.

DHS has designated the industry under its Public Works category:

- Support to ensure the effective removal, storage, and disposal of residential and commercial solid waste and hazardous waste.

As well as under its Transportation and Logistics category:

- Truck drivers who haul hazardous and waste materials to support critical infrastructure, capabilities, functions, and services.

Hence, the agency will allow waste haulers to continue to collect generated materials. It is further proof of the importance of our industry to the public good. However, it remains to be seen how much construction activity will be allowed for the C&D industry's trucks to gather.

Also, note that each state may have a differing interpretation of essential services, so check with your local officials.



C&D World 2020 Attendees Learn About Impact of Virus on Economy

Portland Cement Association Chief Economist had to redo his presentation to C&D World participants in Las Vegas in light of the effect that COVID-19 will have on the North American economy. Sullivan, who has correctly predicted almost all the past dips and jumps in the economy, originally was forecasting a continued solid U.S. economic growth rate of 2% to 2.5% for 2020. Now, at best he said, we may see only 1% growth, with the second quarter of 2020 to be a disaster.

Despite the cloud of the virus, the CDRA's Annual Meeting on March 11 had a good turnout and few cancellations. A highlight of the event was John Kurtz, Kurtz Bros., Independence, OH, being welcomed into the C&D Hall of Fame. A panel on end markets featured presentations by Dr. Tim Townsend, University of Florida, Paul Kuhar, Champion Waste & Recycling, and Tom Vaughn, DTG, on thoughts to expand market access for C&D products. The evening fundraiser was a tremendous success, bringing in a record-breaking amount.

The next C&D World Conference will take place in March 2021 in Austin, TX.

Waste and Recycling Events Affected by Virus

Two events of interest to C&D Recyclers - WasteExpo and ISRI's Annual Meeting - have been impacted by the ongoing pandemic.

WasteExpo is moving to August 10-13, 2020 and staying in New Orleans. Show organizers are working with affected exhibitors and registrants on the changes.

The Institute of the Scrap Recycling Industry was unable to find another time or venue for its Annual Meeting and Exhibition, and is canceling the event altogether for this year.



Webinar Recycling Operations Safety: Lock Out Tag Out / Machine Guarding

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Time: 12:00 pm CST

Length: 1 Hour

Panelist: Ryan Brown, Assurance

Lock out and Machine Guarding are critical safety procedures in a recycling facility. Improper procedures are a leading cause of fatal and severe injuries and remain an OSHA focus item. This webinar will discuss what a complete lock out program consists of and practical machine guarding for the recycling operator.

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Industry News

Good article in Waste Dive on what are virus risks for our industry:

[Coronavirus poses multiple safety risks for waste and recycling workers](#)

Multiple sources have reported on the alternative daily cover bill going on in Alabama. While that state is hardly a hotbed of mixed C&D recycling, it is interesting to see what is allowed to be considered a safe ADC. This all started because of coal ash being used as ADC, and we have all seen how that material has been treated by the media in recent years.

['Alternative cover' landfill bill moves forward; ADEM says coal ash no longer permitted material](#)

Interesting article on biochar:

[Fighting Climate Change with Ancient Technology](#)

Mycocycle Press Release

Mycocycle, a CDRA member that is using mushrooms to recycle shingles now, but wants to use them for other materials got invited to present to a select group of investors. Press release below:

Mycocycle, LLC has been selected to present its waste-to-resource process to investors and industry representatives at the 2020 Industry Growth Forum (IGF), April 29-30, in Denver. The IGF, celebrating its 25th anniversary, is hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory. It is one of the nation's premier events for cleantech entrepreneurs and other industry experts. Mycocycle was selected from a field of more than 150 entrepreneurs following an extensive selection process.

Mycocycle's patent-pending waste-to-resource technology uses fungi to clean toxins out of petrochemical and asphalt containing materials, transforming them into a non-toxic biomass for reuse. Their remediation process is delivered on-site via an Engineered Ecosystem, at both waste management and manufacturing facilities, diverting materials from landfill.

"We are delighted by the support of NREL as we develop clean technologies to help companies have a positive impact on reducing their carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions. Through industry collaboration, we will drive disruptive innovation and support a more circular economy," says Mycocycle Founder, Joanne Rodriguez.

More than 500 cleantech investors, entrepreneurs, and industry representatives are expected to attend this year's IGF in Denver. Among them will be 40 of the nation's most promising start-up companies, including Mycocycle, that will be presenting their cleantech innovations to potential investors and industry experts. In addition, the companies will compete for the 2020 Clean Energy Venture Awards.

For more information and a complete list of IGF presenting companies, please visit <https://www.nrelforum.com/>.

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