



## You Won't Want to Miss C&D World 2023!

We encourage you to register now for [C&D World](#), the CDRA's annual convention. Why should you attend? Simple: This event provides the **best** opportunity for education and information exchange with industry leaders in the sector. Here's what we have in store for attendees:

- Presentations addressing end markets and the latest developments in concrete, shingles, drywall recycling, and more.
- Opportunities to engage and network with owners and key personnel from many CDRA member companies, all in one place!
- Guidance for business owners on how to address legislative and regulatory challenges.

C&D World 2023 will take place from **March 14-15 in Las Vegas** alongside CONEXPO-CON/AGG. **C&D World registration includes a badge to CONEXPO-CON/AGG in one discounted registration purchase through our website.**

[Register](#) today to lock in a lower price! If you need assistance registering, please contact Michael Van Kerckhove at [vankerckhove@cdrecycling.org](mailto:vankerckhove@cdrecycling.org).

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## Legislation Updates

Legislators are hard at work again, as they often are this time of year. Our Legislative Committee led the effort to provide a weekly report on active legislation, produced by Serlin & Haley, that's distributed to members every week. With activity heating up in state houses across the country, now is the time to dive in and learn about what's happening in your state and across the country.

[Access the Reports Here](#)

## Environmental Justice Updates

Within that legislative framework comes a topic CDRA started talking about a couple of years ago. As laws often do, they start in one region of the country, and quickly spread to other areas with minor, and sometimes major changes, depending on feedback from those who chose to start the efforts at an attempt to solve their own issues.

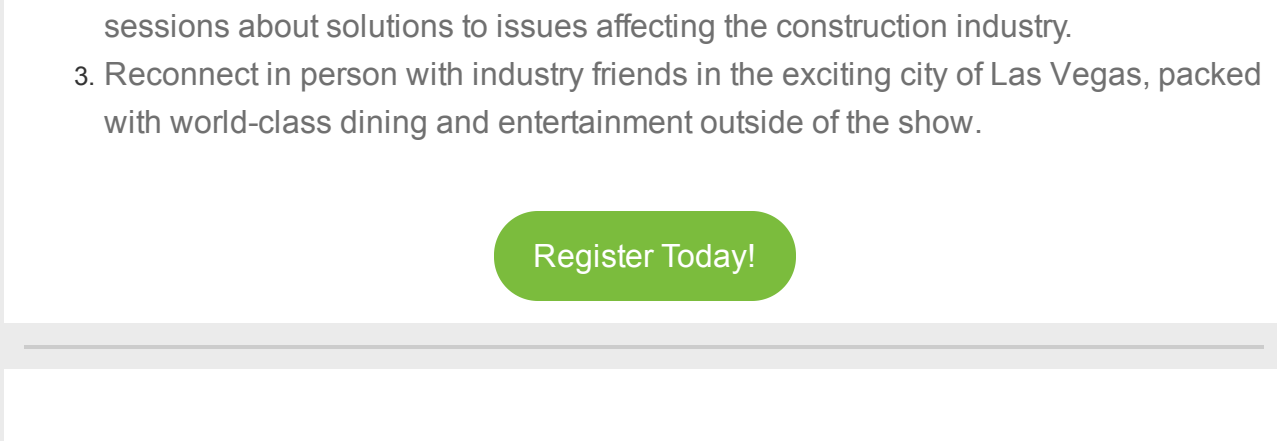
Up until now, most of the EJ efforts have focused on developing a plan to manage the environmental justices identified in certain states. Now that some states have comprehensive plans for managing environmental justice, they are ready to move from the planning phase to execution of their respective plan(s).

Thus far, New Jersey has what many consider the most detailed EJ law. The Governor of New York recently signed a bill requiring the state's permitting process for materials management facilities to consider the cumulative impacts on disadvantaged communities when siting waste and recycling facilities.

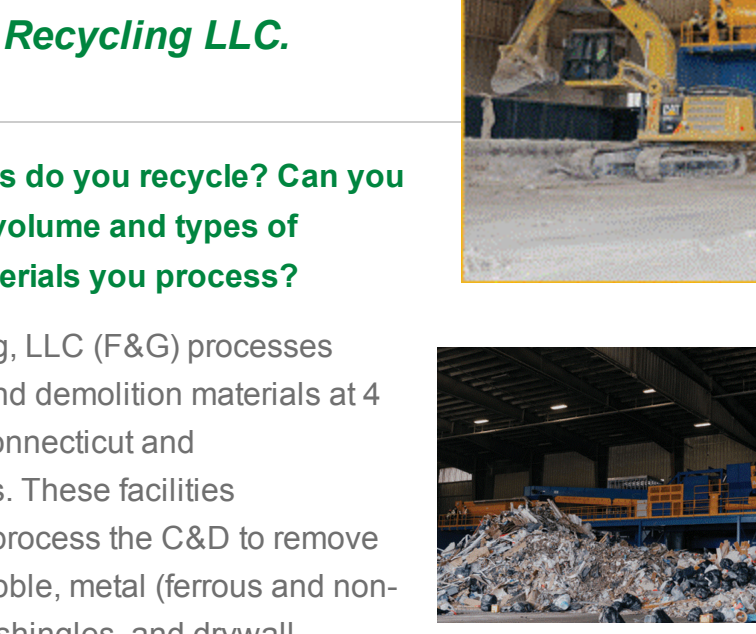
Texas is seeing protests pushing back against the state's landfill permitting process, and on the national level, the U.S. EPA opened a new national office last year to formalize and prioritize EJ issues and enforcement.

Click the button below to learn more. Each state can be hovered over and clicked on to give the most recent legislative updates.

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CONEXPO-CON/AGG 2023 is taking construction to the next level. That's why Construction & Demolition Recycling Association will be there. Will we see you?

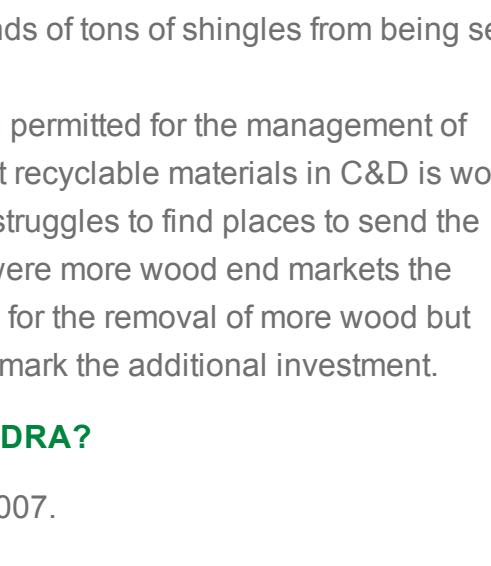
If you haven't already made plans, consider the Top 3 reasons for joining us:

1. Visit us at **booth GL20702** to see the latest innovations, discuss your challenges and gain a better understanding of equipment and services.
2. Grow your team's place in the industry with expert-led, accredited education sessions about solutions to issues affecting the construction industry.
3. Reconnect in person with industry friends in the exciting city of Las Vegas, packed with world-class dining and entertainment outside of the show.

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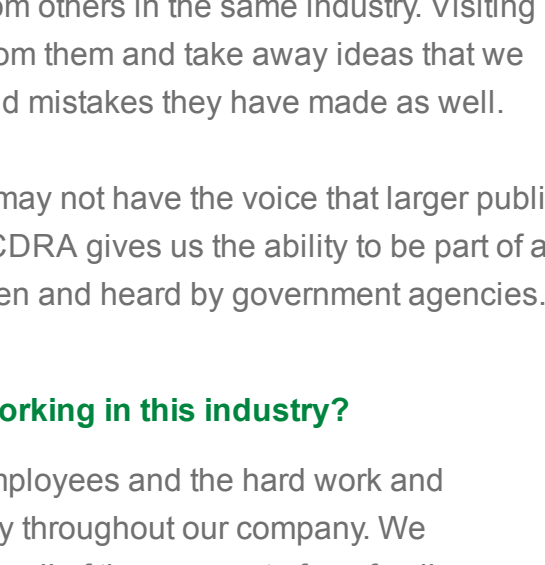
## CDRA Member Spotlight

**F&G Recycling LLC.**



**What materials do you recycle? Can you describe the volume and types of incoming materials you process?**

F&G Recycling, LLC (F&G) processes construction and demolition materials at 4 locations in Connecticut and Massachusetts. These facilities mechanically process the C&D to remove wood, ABC rubble, metal (ferrous and non-ferrous), fiber, shingles, and drywall.



During 2022 the facilities processed over 150,000 tons of C&D and sent over 50,000 tons to be reused.

**How did you get started in the business?**

F&G has been processing C&D in Connecticut since the 1990s when ownership saw the potential to reduce disposal and increase recycling by installing a C&D processing system at the company transfer station in East Windsor, CT. This facility is still operating today with upgrades and additions over the years to keep up with the changing markets.

**What are the biggest challenges in your market and C&D recycling?**

- Reliable Markets/End Users for the recyclables. For example, in 2022 the largest consumer of recycled wood in our area went down with mechanical issues and has not been able to accept recycled wood. This has put a tremendous strain on the wood markets in the northeast and has reduced the amount of wood that was recycled during this time.
- Limited technological advances in C&D Processing Equipment. F&G has been processing C&D since the early 1990s and the processing system design then has not changed much over 30 years. There has been much innovation in the processing industry for other recyclable materials such as single stream but little to no innovation for C&D Processing.
- Increase regulation to increase recycling percentages. F&G supports and encourages more recycling for C&D materials but until there are more markets/end users and more innovation F&G does not see the ability to increase the amount recycled drastically.

**Where are the biggest opportunities?**

- Customers want the C&D that they generate to be recycled and F&G can provide that service to them where others may not be able to.
- Government taking the lead and requiring more use of recycled materials in government-funded projects. For example, very few states in the northeast utilize recycled asphalt shingles in the specifications for asphalt pavement used on state-owned roadways and parking lots. Utilization of at least some shingles in the mix would lead to thousands of tons of shingles from being sent for disposal each year.
- Green credits, grant funds, and expedited permitted for the management of recycled wood. One of the most abundant recyclable materials in C&D is wood. With limited reliable outlets, the industry struggles to find places to send the wood we remove from the C&D. If there were more wood end markets the industry could make investments to allow for the removal of more wood but without dependable markets, it is hard to mark the additional investment.

**How long have you been a member of the CDRA?**

F&G has been a member of the CDRA since 2007.

**What inspired you to join the CDRA?**

It is very important to be part of industry work groups and associations such as CDRA. There is much that can be learned from others in the same industry. Visiting the facilities of members allows us to learn from them and take away ideas that we may not have thought of before and also avoid mistakes they have made as well.

In addition, as a family-owned business, the CDRA gives us the ability that larger public companies may have, and being part of the CDRA helps us the voice to be part of a larger group that may be more likely to be seen and heard by government agencies.

**What do you find most rewarding about working in this industry?**

As a company, we are nothing without our employees and the hard work and dedication that they show each and every day throughout our company. We appreciate each and every employee and see all of them as part of our family.

In 2021 we were voted one of the Best Places to Work in Connecticut by the Hartford Business Journal.

**What challenges have you faced over the years and how have you overcome them?**

As with every business, there have been many challenges, none more than the COVID pandemic. As an essential business, we needed to stay operational throughout the pandemic which required our teams to come together and come up with solutions in order to operate our business while keeping everyone safe. Everyone worked together and we were able to operate throughout and provide the essential services our customers needed safely.

**How do you think the industry is changing and what trends do you see coming up on the horizon?**

With the closing of most of the landfills in the northeast, disposal is becoming harder to find with each passing year, and disposal that is available is 1,000's miles away. This limited disposal capacity should drive increased recycling of C&D and pave the way for new, end markets and innovative approaches to processing C&D such as optical sorting, robotic sorting, and AI.

**What advice would you give to someone interested in this industry?**

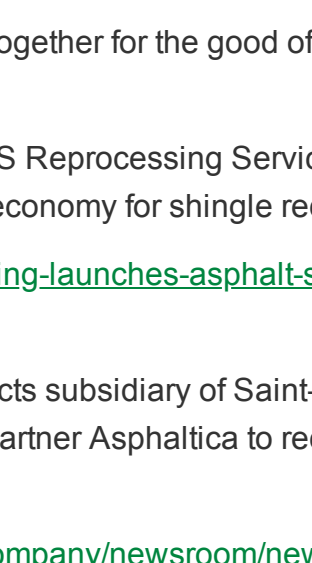
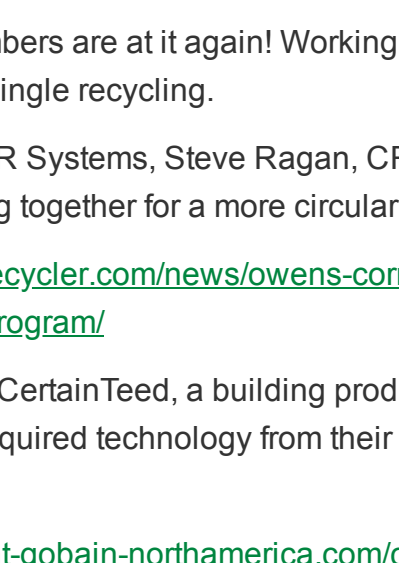
Join industry associations such as the CDRA and ask a lot of questions of its members. They have many years of experience and have made many mistakes that you will not need to make as you get started.

**Best piece of business advice you've gotten or learned over the years?**

Invest in your employees they are the heart of your business success.

## Waste Expo

**Waste Expo** this year will be held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in **New Orleans, LA** on **May 1 - 4, 2023**. Our Executive Director, Becky Caldwell, will be a part of the panel "Building a Stronger Industry Through Collaboration" on **Wednesday, May 3rd**.



## Upcoming Committee Meetings

- Legislative Committee** – March 2nd from 2:00 – 3:00 PM Eastern Time
- Membership & Marketing Committee** – March 2nd from 4:00 – 5:00 PM Eastern Time
- End Markets Committee** – March 6th from 3:00 – 4:00 PM Eastern Time
- C&D World Convention Committee** – March 7th from 4:00 – 5:00 PM Eastern Time
- Safety & Risk Management Committee** – March 21st from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Eastern Time

\*These dates and times are subject to change. Committee meetings are open to all members. To attend a meeting, please contact Michael Van Kerckhove at [vankerckhove@cdrecycling.org](mailto:vankerckhove@cdrecycling.org).

## Industry News

Our CDRA members are at it again! Working together for the good of the industry as they focus on shingle recycling.

Dan Horton, ASR Systems, Steve Ragan, CRS Reprocessing Services, and Owens Corning, working together for a more circular economy for shingle recycling.

<https://www.cdrecycler.com/news/owens-coming-launches-asphalt-shingles-recycling-pilot-program/>

CDRA member CertainTeed, a building products subsidiary of Saint-Gobain North America, has acquired technology from their partner Asphaltica to recycle asphalt shingle waste.

<https://www.saint-gobain-northamerica.com/company/newsroom/news-releases/saint-gobain-acquires-asphalt-shingle-recycling-technology-advancing>.

Washington State E.J. news: They call it the Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act and it was passed in 2021. Environmental justice assessments must be conducted to inform and support agency decision-making.

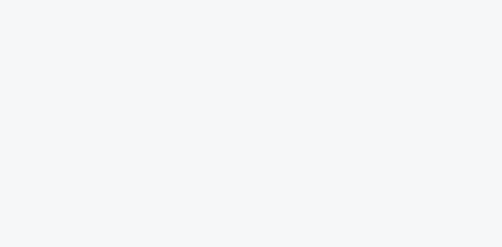
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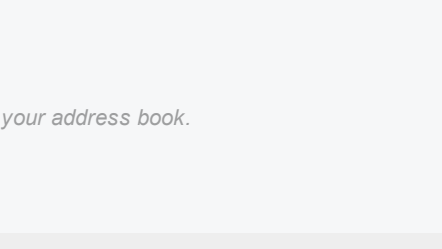
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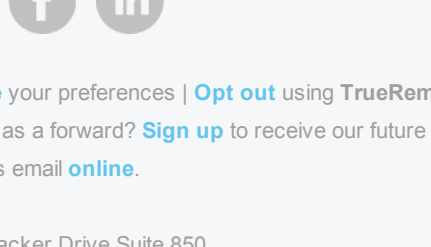
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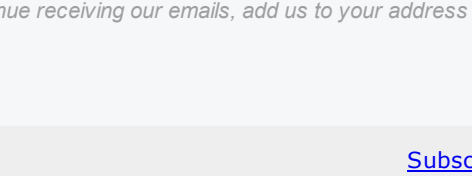
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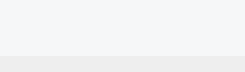


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