

## **Fire Risk in the Waste Handling and Recycling Industry**

Join us for a webinar on Apr 18, 2019 at 1:00 PM CT

The waste management industry has always dealt with fire hazards, but due to the evolving waste stream, there were an estimated 1,800 fire incidents in 2018 alone at U.S. & Canadian waste and recycling facilities. The increasing number of fire incidents are due to a range of factors, including changing weather patterns and increased contamination in a high-tempo industry. Add to this the increasing presence of misplaced lithium batteries, which if broken or short-circuited could catch fire. Each truck load and material movement can present a new risk of fire, so operators need to be constantly vigilant and prepared to safely react at a moment's notice to an incipient fire.

Join us for a 90-minute webinar with waste management and fire experts, plus a facility that has experienced a fire. Topics will include the increasing risks to your MRF or transfer facility through consolidated data and first-hand operator incidents, and practical steps you can take to develop a fire plan that focuses on reacting during those critical few moments, which can lead to minimized fire damage and even business continuity.

Speakers include:

- Ryan Fogelman of Fire Rover – his latest data on waste and recycling facility fires, the insurers perspective, insights into incorporating technology into your fire planning as well as front row learnings from actual thermal and HD video of fire incidents.
- Jim Emerson of Starr Companies – how fires grow during the important first 10 minutes, and how facilities can prepare for a fire.
- Brent Shows of Advanced Disposal – how a major waste operator understood their fire risk and how they have stemmed the tide of fires at both their MRFs and transfer stations.
- Chris Newman of US EPA Region 5 – trends in waste generation and how some contaminants contribute to the fire risk.
- Sarah Murray - Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources – how fires have impacted Wisconsin recycling facilities and how DNR is building awareness of important contaminants.

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