



Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium

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What: Recycling Contamination and Education: Where Are We Now?

Speakers:

- Matt Biolette, Manager of Municipal Services at Republic Services
- Kyle Shoemaker, Kent County Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Plant Supervisor
- Jill Brown, Account Executive at Metro Recycling Solutions
- Elisa Seltzer, Senior Consultant at Resource Recycling Systems (RRS)
- Matt Flechter, Recycling Market Development Specialist at Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, & Energy (EGLE)

Question and Answer session following EGLE update

When: Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 PM

Where: Kalamazoo Valley Community College – Texas Township Campus
6767 West O Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49003 – Classroom 9130

Who: County Commissioners, Township Trustees, City Councils, Village Councils, Solid Waste Planning Committees, Material Management Planning Groups, Materials Management Facilities

Why: In 2017, the Chinese National Sword Policy restricted the import of recyclables from the United States. Since then, the recycling market in the United States has faced decline, and municipal recycling programs have faced increased costs.

We plan to hear from a recycling hauler, a MRF plant supervisor, a recycling brokerage company, a consultant, and the Recycling Market Development Specialist with EGLE on what impacts this policy has had on the recycling industry and what we can *all* do moving forward!

Please RSVP to rgraham@allegancounty.org by Thursday, September 12