



Representing government source reduction, recycling and market development officials from fourteen mid-America states.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT HIERARCHY POLICY STATEMENT

WHEREAS: The Mid-America Council of Recycling Officials (MACRO) is a fourteen state member organization that encourages, educates and coordinates the review and development of regionally effective programs and policy issues directed at recycling, market development, source reduction and recycled-content purchasing.

AND WHEREAS: Recycling protects human health and the environment including water and air quality, and greenhouse gas reduction and;

AND WHEREAS: Recycling saves energy and conserves natural resources and;

AND WHEREAS: Recycling has positive economic impacts including creating and retaining jobs, providing sustainable economic opportunity and;

AND WHEREAS: Recycling creates local economic value and state and local tax revenue and;

AND WHEREAS: The demand for recycled materials is growing locally and globally and;

AND WHEREAS: Recycling provides secure domestic supplies of feedstock for manufacturing industry and;

AND WHEREAS: Significant recycling infrastructure investment has been made by both the private and public sector and;

AND WHEREAS: The loss of recyclable commodities to landfill disposal and incineration with or without energy recovery represents lost economic opportunity.

THEREFORE, MACRO asserts that the definition of recycling does not include incineration with or without energy recovery and reaffirms its commitment to the following solid waste management hierarchy:

Waste Reduction followed by,
Waste Reuse followed by,
Recycling and Composting followed by,
Incineration with Energy Recovery followed by,
Incineration with out energy recovery and Landfill disposal.

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Wayne Gjerde - Past Chair
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Matthew Flechter – Chair
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