



# Materials Management:

THE NEXT GENERATION

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## IS THE GLASS HALF FULL?

### Practical Strategies to Minimize Contamination and Maximize Quality



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## CONTAMINATION -

- Contamination / single stream linked?
- Remedies focus – What's been tried?
  - Compromise / Split the glass baby?
  - Cling to dual stream?
  - Mandate it?
  - Voluntary standards / goals?
  - Negotiate it?
  - Education?
  - Equipment and Operations, Economics?
- Defining contamination / Gresham
- Summary

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## CONTAMINATION APPROACHES – VOLUNTARY STANDARDS & GOALS?

Stds for MRF Processing SS	Est. Current Status	Goal: Delivery to proper market <1 year
Paper-News compatible	98%	98%
Paper-Brown Kraft	75%	80%
Plastic – all	70-75%	80%
Metal – all		80%
Glass (if part of commingled coll'n)	80%	80% to non-disposal mkt Measure: % G to G % G to aggregate % G in paper
Recyclables in residual	Measured	Measured
Total residual		Measured
Total prohibitives		Measured incoming

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## CONTAMINATION APPROACHES – GRESHAM'S LAW

- Gresham's Law
- "When a government overvalues one type of money and undervalues another, the undervalued money will leave the country or disappear from circulation into hoards, while the overvalued money will flood into circulation."
- ==> **Bad money drives out good**
- ... but only if authorities have chosen to enforce a fixed exchange rate.

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**THANK YOU!!**  
**Questions?**

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