

RRS Organics Expert, Nicole Chardoul, to Speak on University Athletics Composting Assessment at USCC Conference

January 23, 2014, Ann Arbor, MI – Sustainability and recycling consulting firm Resource Recycling Systems (RRS) is proud to announce that Nicole Chardoul, Principal and Vice President, will be presenting at the US Composting Council's (USCC) 22nd Annual Conference and Trade Show taking place January 26-29, 2014 at the Oakland Marriott City Center in Oakland, California.

Nicole will discuss a recent BASF/RRS joint assessment of the University of Michigan's Crisler Center basketball arena. The assessment evaluated current waste, recycling and composting data and opportunities in conjunction with product purchasing information, including compostable materials, to create a full circle understanding of waste generation and recovery. The assessment concluded with a zero waste action plan for the arena. This work highlights the efforts of the Washtenaw County Food Policy Council as they advocate for food waste reduction, residential and commercial food waste composting and donations, and reusable, recyclable and compostable food service-ware countywide.

Nicole has extensive knowledge of engineering, pollution prevention, recycling and composting facility construction oversight, as well as equipment and system procurement for various types of green projects. She has trained compost site operators and managers on operational protocols and site design since 2000 and has served on local compost regulatory review committees to encourage composting and food diversion from the landfill. Nicole currently sits as Chair for the Washtenaw Food Policy Council.

Nicole's presentation, *University of Michigan Athletics Leads Zero Waste in the Community*, takes place during the (D1) Collecting from the Commercial Sector: Case Studies and Lessons Learned Concurrent Session 2, Monday, January 27th, at 2:00pm.

More information on the conference can be found at www.compostingcouncil.org.

About RRS

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