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Abstracts are encouraged on the following conference topics:

Best Management Practices for Compost Facilities

- *Fire prevention and control at composting facilities*
- *Worker health and safety*
- *Emergency Preparedness Planning – notification, first responders, and directing emergency response equipment onsite*
- *Safe equipment operation, equipment safeguards, & use of e-stops*
- *Facility design for operational efficiency*
- *Assessing equipment needs & equipment selection*
- *Monitoring the composting process*

Developments in Composting Process Management & Odor Control

- *Emissions monitoring & evaluation*
- *Advances in odor prevention and treatment*
- *Process control to minimize odors*

Air Quality and Environmental Impact

Improving Process Design and Performance

Composting Systems & Technologies

- *In-Vessel, Aerated Static Pile, Windrows and hybrid system designs and case studies*

Alternative Organics Treatment Technologies

- *Anaerobic digestion, MBT, etc.*

Food Residuals Collection & Composting Programs - Increasing Organics Diversion

- *Advances in food residuals composting*
- *Collection strategies for commercial generators*
- *Source separation & collection programs*
- *Residential food waste collection programs*

Trends in Animal Mortality Composting

Composting Grease Trap Waste and Other By-Products

Strategies in Compost Marketing and Sales

- *Product quality needs for specific markets*
- *Innovative marketing tools*
- *Selecting the right markets and pricing*
- *New markets and opportunities for composters*
- *Selling the benefits & applications of compost*

Marketing Other Organic Products

New Opportunities in the Organics Sector

Compost Quality

- *Product specifications and applications*
- *Evaluating stability and maturity*
- *Laboratory methods and analysis*

Organics and Climate Change

- *Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Carbon Credits, Composting & Organics*
- *Organics diversion and reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions*

Energy from Organics

Opportunities in the Biomass and Renewable Energy Market

Compost Applications for Environmental Solutions

- *Green Roofs and green building initiatives*
- *Compost use in stormwater management and sustainable landscape design*
- *Compost use in horticulture, agriculture, forestry and road side applications*
- *Soil carbon sequestration*

Innovative Applications for Compost Use

Compost Use in Bioremediation

The Business of Successful Composting - Profitable Compost Business Models

- *Product and feedstock diversification*
- *Key aspects to success/case studies*

Experience with Biodegradable/Compostable Plastics

Expanding the Use of Biodegradable Plastics in Composting

The Role of Composting in Waste Management & Sustainable Agriculture

Critical Issues in Advancing Composting & Organics Recycling

New Concepts in Sustainability

Disaster Management Planning

Development of Model State Composting Regulations

NEW: Research Track. USCC is initiating a track for research papers that will be reviewed by the academic committee and published in a peer reviewed journal

Abstract Submission Deadline: June 30, 2008

Abstract Guidelines available at:

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