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The potential for fire and the need to plan for the unexpected @ Organics Recycling Processing Facilities

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21ST, 2023

12 TO 3PM EST (3 HRS CEU)

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In recent years, there have been several fires at organics recycling processing facilities. These fires have generally not led to major loss of property or equipment, however in surveying the industry, there has not been a lot of discussion about their occurrence, prevention, fire fighting actions and interactions between first responders and facility operators. The recent increase in the number of wildfires also could have the potential to impact facilities, particularly in response to changing climate conditions. The Compost Council of Canada would like to bring this topic out into the open for discussion to review and share common practices on the care, prevention and action plans for our industry. Please join us for this important learning and discussion.

Session Outline:

Compost & Mulch Fires Don't Just Happen – a review of the topic as found in the National Compost Operators Training Course

*Larry Conrad, Mentor, Accelerating Organics Recycling & Lead Instructor,
Compost Facility Operator Trainer, The Compost Council of Canada
Roland Rusnell, Waste Minimization Supervisor
Water and Waste Operations, City of Saskatoon*

Fire Prevention @ City of Guelph Organics Processing Facility (indoor facility)

*Mark Jared, General Manager & Director, Corporate H&S and Regulatory Compliance
Matt Weissmann, Operations Supervisor
Wellington Organix Inc., AIM Environmental Group*

Compost Fire @ City of Winnipeg Organics Recycling Operation (outdoor facility)

*Nika Hollinger, Technologist - Compost Operations
Solid Waste Services, Water & Waste
City of Winnipeg*

Fire Prevention Protocol and Real-Life Lessons Learned from past experience @ the Organics Recycling Facility during a Major Wildfire

*Robert Eison, Manager, Solid Waste Services
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo*

Q & A and General Discussion