



**Suppliers Partnership for the Environment (SP)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Membership Meeting  
April 27, 2017**

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

SP's Chair, Randy Leslie, Johnson Controls, called the meeting to order at 9:00am EDT. Randy reviewed SP's antitrust guidelines and recommended that everyone indicate in their notes of the meeting that the guidelines were reviewed and that they would be complied with. On a motion duly made and seconded, the January 19, 2017 SP membership meeting minutes were approved.

He then welcomed new companies who had recently joined SP, including: AquaBio Technologies, Avangard Innovative, Bolder Industries, Cadena, General Electric, GLR Solutions, Metricsoft, Nexeo Solutions, RSR Technologies, Venture6 Studio and Veolia.

Kevin Butt, Toyota, welcomed participants to Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky, Inc. (TMMK) and reviewed emergency/safety procedures. Kevin discussed key environmental initiatives at the zero waste to landfill TMMK plant, and noted Toyota's recent commitment to re-invest \$1.33 billion in the site. He also shared information on Toyota's recent announcement of a hydrogen fuel cell semi-truck which is being tested in California.

John Bradburn, General Motors, then provided an update on SP's Materials Efficiency Work Group. John announced that he would be stepping down as Materials Efficiency Chair, and that SP is seeking new member volunteers to lead the work group effort. He then reviewed a wide-range of past projects and partnerships developed through the SP work group, including items such as the Gulf Oil Boom project, the QuietShield project, the Coat project, and many others. John spoke to the power of several of the largest companies in the world working together to solve problems through forums like SP, and offered his wish for a new member to lead the group into the future and facilitate even greater impacts through SP. Randy Leslie commended John on his leadership and impact as Chair of the Materials Efficiency Work Group, and noted that SP is now identifying member volunteers to continue to advance SP's efforts in this area.

Randy then announced that a new Responsible Battery Coalition had formally launched the prior day in California, and discussed SP's collaboration with the new Coalition. He noted that the concept for the Coalition stemmed from the G7 Alliance for Resource Efficiency Workshop which SP supported in 2016, and a call to action issued by EPA at that event. He then showed a video introducing the new Coalition and a project that the Coalition is working on together with Living Lands & Waters.

Randy then introduced Tom Tyler, Acting Director, Integrated Environmental Strategies Division, US EPA. Tom began by discussing the history of the EPA's formation, the development of regulations, and the role of State and Federal cooperation in the US. He then discussed the history of SP and EPA's collaborative relationship, and the value of public-private cooperation. Tom provide an update on a range of Federal activities, including recent Executive actions, and opportunities to provide input related to several of these actions. He also shared information on new tools/resources from EPA's TRI program and its Lean & Manufacturing toolkit, and invited participants to contact him with their ideas and input related to the topics he discussed. He noted that he would share links with SP providing more information on these topics.

Mathy Stanislaus, World Economic Forum, discussed drivers for a circular economy, and specific opportunities that a circular economy approach presents to capture new business value. He then introduced WEF's Platform for Accelerating the Circular Economy, and reviewed the mission, objectives and opportunities to engage in the platform. Mathy noted that he is looking forward to continuing dialogue with SP regarding opportunities to engage in WEF's circular economy efforts.

Ashley Hood-Morley, Plastics Industry Association, provided an overview of the association and its work to advance zero net waste in plastics. She discussed a variety of projects relating to collection and access, technology innovation, and end market development including a recent End of Life Vehicle demonstration project and zero net waste recognition program. Ashley also shared information on the association's Transportation & Industrial Plastics Committee, and invited participants to connect with her to learn more.

Vaughn Cassidy, Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation (TDEC), discussed TDEC's 2025 solid waste goals and its partnership with the US BCSD to enhance business opportunities for materials reuse in the State. Vincent Leray, TDEC, then provided a walk-through of the planned Tennessee Materials Marketplace and the relevance of the program to SP members. He also emphasized that the State does not own the data on the platform, and that proprietary information is kept private on the independent marketplace server. Vincent noted that the Marketplace would be launching in Tennessee in the Summer timeframe, and invited organizations doing business in Tennessee to engage in the new platform.

Muk Musleh, Starco Lighting, shared information on upgrading linear fluorescent lights to TLEDs and discussed the functionality and benefits of TLEDs over other lighting solutions.

Randy Leslie noted that a planned roundtable discussion on SP Strategy would be re-scheduled for the next SP Meeting on July 19 to ensure there is adequate time for members to share their ideas and input. Randy thanked Toyota for hosting the meeting today as well as the reception the previous evening, and invited the guests to join SP and work with the group on the activities discussed. He also noted that participants would have an opportunity to tour the Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky facility directly following today's meeting.

Randy noted that SP's 3rd Quarter Meeting would be hosted by Goodwill Industries on July 19 in Detroit, MI, and that SP's 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Meeting would be hosted by Tetra Tech on October 17 at CU-ICAR in Greenville, SC and asked participants to save the dates on their calendars. Kathy Laird, Goodwill Industries, invited participants to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting and to see Goodwill's automotive operations in action.

The SP Membership Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm EST.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- SP is seeking volunteers to Chair the SP Materials Efficiency Work Group. Please contact Kellen Mahoney if you would be interesting in volunteering.
- SP will postpone the planned roundtable discussion on SP Strategy until the July 19 quarterly meeting.
- SP will distribute additional details on the July 19 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter SP Meeting to members via e-mail.
- SP will post today's meeting presentations on the SP website and distribute the meeting's minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellen Mahoney  
Program Manager

## Attendees List

Brian	Bacchus	Abednego
Derrick	Blandford	Abednego
Bob	Crawford	Aevitas Specialty Services
Timothy	Juliani	Altenex, an Edison Energy Company
Connie	Sasala	Altenex, an Edison Energy Company
Katie	Florio	Antea Group
Vince	Malone	Antea Group
Tom	Gibney	Aqua Bio Technologies
Tim	Hopkins	Aqua Bio Technologies
George	Lyman	Austin Rubber
Joseph	Stalnaker	Avangard Innovative
Mark	Doetsch	BAE Industries
Will	Drucker	Bolder Industries
Brian	Rogers	Bosch Rexroth Corporation
Harry	Seifert	ChemicoMays
Kahley	Malloy	Complete Recycling
Jennifer	Minney	Covanta
David	Schroeder	Covanta
Gary	Vegh	ERA Environmental Management Solutions
Al	Johnston	FCA
Sue	Rokosz	Ford Motor Company
Russell	Brynof	FTS Technologies
Joe	Porco	Gage Products Company
Mark	Wiseman	Gage Products Company
Chuck	Zinkosky	GE Industrial Finance
Bridget	Burnell	General Motors
Breitner	Marczewski	General Motors
John	Bradburn	General Motors
James	Oberlee	General Motors
Dawn	New-Echlin	GLR Solutions
Kathy	Laird	Goodwill Automotive
Aiman	Abdrabou	Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.
Jimmy	Gayle	GTI
Jerry	Raque	Heritage Environmental
Kurt	Wirgau	Heritage Interactive Services
Negar	Gilsinger	Honda R&D Americas, Inc.
Robert	Proctor	Honda R&D Americas, Inc.
Mark	Cleveland	Hytch
Joel	Tenney	ICL-IP
Peter	Feamster	Innovo, Inc.
Moe	Paperi	Innovo, Inc.
Tom	McGuckin	International Products Corporation
Randy	Leslie	Johnson Controls

Mike	Arizo	Lavergne Group
Jean Luc	Lavergne	Lavergne Group
Doug	Andrews	Lear Corp
Al	Salerno	Metricsoft
Shane	Bennett	Mobile Fluid Recovery
Justin	Edmondson	Mobile Fluid Recovery
Chad	Borders	MPS Group Inc
Peter	Bleignier	Nexeo Solutions
Tracy	Hale	Nexeo Solutions
Joshua	Schmidt	Nexeo Solutions
Ashley	Hood-Morley	Plastics Industry Association
Doug	Robinson	Robert Bosch
Sharmila	Ravula	Robert Bosch
John	Howes	RSR Technologies, Inc.
Steve	Hellem	SP
Kellen	Mahoney	SP
Jason	Bao	Starco Lighting
John	Calabro	Starco Lighting
Muk	Musleh	Starco Lighting
Douglas	Schmidt	Starco Lighting
Scott	Williams	Sustrana, LLC
Vaughn	Cassidy	TDEC
Vincent	LeRay	TDEC
Dave	Lanzola	TestAmerica
Natalie	Pryde	Tetra Tech
Lamont	Price	TNECD
David	Absher	Toyota Motor North America
Kevin	Butt	Toyota Motor North America
Mark	Yamauchi	Toyota Motor North America
Paul	Jennings	University of Tennessee Center for Industrial Services
Tom	Tyler	US EPA
Chad	Conty	Valicor
Scott	Farmer	Valicor
Don	Gebhardt	Valvoline
Vince	Greene	Valvoline
Hanford	Topham IV	Venture6 Studios
Sal	Ingaro	Veolia
Michelle	McIntyre	Veolia
Dave	Duddy	Waste Management
Jeff	Harris	Waste Management
Sam	Qureshi	Waste Management
Brian	Thurston	Waste Management