

New Jersey WasteWise Business Network Member Testimonials



“Attending the New Jersey WasteWise Business Network meetings; hearing from speakers from diverse industries and organizations; having the opportunity to network with so many individuals from around the state; receiving the WasteWise Newsletter and updates on reducing waste and obtaining so much pertinent information to assist in being more sustainable and ‘green’ has really inspired me and enabled me to go above and beyond at work and in my community to reduce waste and increase recycling rates - THANK YOU”.

Ray Cywinski
Suez Water New Jersey
Mayor, Demarest, NJ

“Just a note to let you know that I very much enjoy the New Jersey WasteWise Business meetings and always look forward to attending them. The subject matter is always interesting and timely. I frequently come away with a new idea or a practice that we can use here at the Firm.

The Networking opportunities are also very valuable to our Green effort. In fact, thanks to a contact I made at the meeting, we are now recycling ALL of our lightbulbs and ballast in the building! I also share the newsletters with the Green Initiative committee at all nine of our offices.

I have been a member for nearly 10 years and look forward to attending for many more.”

David Gavura | Purchasing Manager
McCarter & English, LLP
Newark, NJ

“New Jersey Resources (NJR) has been a member of the EPA WasteWise for over 15 years and a member of the NJ WasteWise Business Network for over 10 years. The Network enables NJR to foster relationships with vendors and businesses; and the meetings provide new ideas and information to improve our current WasteWise programs. This would not be possible without this forum. “

Lisa Hamilton
Senior Environmental Engineer
NJ Natural Gas Company
Wall, NJ

“As the year comes to a close, I would like to take a moment to let you know that the WasteWise program has been useful for me for effective messaging at our sites (there are 7 in New Jersey). We use your posters at our Earth Day celebrations and throughout the year as part of the employee engagement activities. In addition, we try to have representation at the quarterly meetings and have made many good contacts for the waste minimization and recycling programs. Keep up the good work!”

Clare Lumkong CHMM |Manager, Sustainability
Bristol-Myers Squibb - Global Environmental, Health, Safety and Sustainability
Plainsboro, NJ

“The Valley Hospital, Ridgewood, N.J. has been a member of the WasteWise Business Network for many years. The benefits have been many with networking, learning, and creating opportunities to push us to do more and share our successes through the reporting system and annual awards competition. The latest wonderful additions have been the great posters attached to the many celebrated days like Earth Day, and America Recycles.”

Howard Halverson, Director Environmental Services
The Valley Hospital
Ridgewood, NJ

“As longtime members of the NJ Wastewise Business Network representing the Princeton Plasma Physics Lab, we find the network valuable in terms of collaborating with other businesses for best practices and utilizing the tools available to track progress and environmental impact. The network encourages outreach, recognizes best practices through presentations and its award program, and provides credits towards NJ Certified Recycling Professional recertification. Through collaboration we find that we all share some of the same challenges, so it is a great opportunity to learn from others and to share with others what works best. We also realize that our effort is long term towards continuous waste reduction, resource protection and a sustainable future for the next generation.”

Margaret Kevin-King
Building and Grounds Supervisor
U.S. Department of Energy, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory
Princeton, NJ

“I have been attending New Jersey WasteWise meetings since 2012, and it has become a meeting that I eagerly look forward to each year in May and November. I am always impressed by the topics and speakers selected, some of whom come from across the country, which really speaks to the WasteWise program and rapport of those who administer it. What I enjoy most is learning about recycling and waste management in the global context, as well as the sustainable practices going on in different organizations and thinking about how those aspects can be integrated into municipal and school practices across New Jersey.”

Samantha A. McGraw, Program Manager
Sustainable Jersey
Ewing, NJ

“Three cheers for the N.J. WasteWise Business Network meetings that occur twice each year! I've been attending them since retiring from the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority in July 2014, and in so doing I feel as if I'm still in the waste/resources management loop, which is delightful. The meetings provide the opportunity to catch up with acquaintances from the "olden days" and to meet folks whom I've never seen before. In addition, I always gain insight into current issues and challenges in the waste/resources management arena as a result of observing and listening to the speakers, and I leave the meetings able to relay information and ideas gained there to fellow members of the Morris Plains Recycling Committee. And of course, I learn so much from the emails that arrive on a regular basis from the N.J. WasteWise Business Network, for they are always jam-packed with tantalizing information.”

Penny Jones
Retired Morris County Recycling Education Specialist
Member, Morris Plains Recycling Committee
Morris County

“My first WasteWise meeting I attended was very professional and offered me different information that I have not received before. I am a certified recycling profession and would like to attend additional meetings.”

Dennis DeMatte, CRP
Retired recycling coordinator
Cumberland County, NJ