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Beyond Paper and Plastic: A Closer Look at Recycling and Environmental Toxins

March 22, 2010 - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Carnegie Science Center

Agenda

5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Light refreshments and registration

6:00 – 6:10 p.m.

Welcome
Ann Metzger
*Henry J. Buhl Co-Director,
Carnegie Science Center*

Introductions
Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis
*Executive Director, Women for a
Healthy Environment*

6:10 – 6:30 p.m.

Sarah Alessio
*Environmental Program Specialist
Pennsylvania Resources Council*

6:30 – 6:50 p.m.

Ned Eldridge
*President
eLoop llc*

6:50 – 7:10 p.m.

Mike Gable
*Executive Director
Construction Junction*

7:10 – 7:30 p.m.

Q & A

PLEASE NOTE: Attendees are encouraged to bring their cell phones, alkaline batteries and inkjet/laser jet cartridges for proper disposal and recycling.

Special thanks to the Carnegie Science Center for their spirit of generosity and work in advancing environmental awareness.

Meet our Speakers

▶ **Sarah Alessio, Environmental Program Specialist, Pennsylvania Resources Council**

Sarah Alessio is an Environmental Program Specialist at the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC), and has been with the organization since 2004. PRC, a statewide organization formed in 1939, is recognized as a state and national leader in waste reduction and recycling. PRC's work also focuses on watershed awareness, composting, environmental toxins, and litter and visual blight prevention. Sarah is a program coordinator and facilitator of PRC's Hard to Recycle Collection Events, Litter Prevention Programs, and Health and the Environment in-school and adult education programs. Sarah holds a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies and a Secondary Education Certification in Earth and Space Science from the University of Pittsburgh.

▶ **Ned Eldridge, President, eLoop llc**

Ned Eldridge is President of **eLoop llc**, an IT sustainability company providing effective data destructions services while promoting sustainability through the proper reuse or recycling of IT assets. An entrepreneur since 1989, Ned has worked on merger and acquisition projects that have brought tremendous value to shareholders, and he truly understands how to bring value to his customers. For end-of-life recycling, **eLoop llc** has established a network of strategic partners that share the Basal Action Network (www.ban.org) philosophy and adheres to the highest standards in the world for recycling. **eLoop llc** is the only e-Steward in Pennsylvania to operate a Department of Environmental Protection Permitted demanufacturing Center.

▶ **Michael Gable, Executive Director, Construction Junction**

Mike Gable is the founding director of Construction Junction, Western Pennsylvania's largest nonprofit retail warehouse for used and surplus building materials. Construction Junction strives to keep usable building materials out of landfills and provide them to the community at very low cost. Prior to starting Construction Junction, Mike worked in the fields of water conservation and organic agriculture. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara.



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Presentation Abstracts

Sarah Alessio - Environmental Program Specialist, Pennsylvania Resources Council

The PA Resources Council presentation will focus on the issues of toxins that one comes into contact with on a daily basis and how these toxins can affect human health and the health of the environment. This presentation will also cover practical solutions to help people avoid exposure to toxins such as safe product alternatives. Also discussed will be the proper way to dispose of such materials at home and at local collection events.

Ned Eldridge – President, eLoop llc

For the last 25 years the products of technological advancement and innovation have entertained the world, improved data processing and placed people in touch minute-to-minute for 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. These products have clearly improved the quality of life for those in developed countries, but they were designed and built with materials that have an adverse impact on the environment. While future devices may contain less toxic materials through a more sustainable design, the current devices contain toxins that require more effort to dispose of properly. Constant and rapid innovation causes premature obsolescence for these products that are retired from service. Some products can be refurbished and resold, but most of this material is destined to be discarded creating the fastest growing waste stream in the world. **eLoop llc** is committed to managing the ewaste stream.

Mike Gable – Executive Director, Construction Junction

Construction Junction will present an overview of the environmental, social, and economic benefits of choosing to reuse material. Construction Junction will outline reuse strategies to incorporate into your home and commercial remodeling projects with an emphasis on the potential environmental toxins encountered when reusing materials and how to remodel safely. The presentation will also focus on why reuse trumps recycling on the solid waste hierarchy of reduce, reuse and recycle.