As a partner in the Waste Reduction Pilot, we are sharing updates, tips, and new resources with you at the end of every month. We welcome your thoughts and feedback. If you come across something you’d like to share with the pilot cohort, please let us know via BetterBuildings@EE.Doe.Gov and we’ll do our best to feature it.

1. New Waste Pilot Reporting Form

Please see attached for the new Waste Pilot Reporting form, which can help partners make sense of their waste streams. Be sure to check out the tabs not only for the waste reporting portion, but also:

- Instructions
- An optional section on energy recovery
- Descriptions of waste types and units of measurement
- An example reporting form

We encourage partners to submit completed forms by March 31, 2020, in time for possible inclusion and promotion in the 2020 Better Buildings Progress Report. Account managers will be trained on the form shortly and can assist in filling them out.

2. First Quarterly Call: Recording, Slides, and Transcript Available Online

We’re glad so many partners were able to participate in our first quarterly call last week and we hope you found it instructive. To recap,

Check Out the Waste Reduction Session at the Better Buildings, Better Plants Summit

Don’t forget to register for the Better Buildings, Better Plants Summit on June 8-10th, 2020, in Arlington, VA!

There will be a session entitled "Early Best Practices from the Waste Reduction Pilot" with speakers from both commercial and industrial partners.

How Recycling Has Changed in All 50 States

Waste Dive has a helpful tracker that lists the latest local government recycling policies and programs in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Explore the tracker here and discover how your facilities may benefit.
on the call we:

- Discussed the waste data reporting form;
- Heard from a partner, Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation, about their waste reduction efforts;
- Learned about the Plastics Innovation Challenge, a comprehensive DOE program to accelerate innovations in energy-efficient plastics recycling technologies;
- Conducted an open Q&A session.

The recording, slides, and transcript are posted online for those who missed it or want to go back for more. The next quarterly call is tentatively scheduled for May.

3. Tip of the Month: How Communities Have Defined Zero Waste

Many companies publicly announce that they have zero-waste facilities. What does this mean? The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, noting that the term "has been defined in various ways by different entities", has a helpful collection of several municipalities' and organizations' definitions: How Communities Have Defined Zero Waste.

We are grateful for your support and participation in this pilot!

Sincerely,

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