

Mini-Bulk/IBC Pesticide Container Collection Program

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• Myers Container, LLC has been involved in drum and IBC recycling and disposal for over 90 years. We have developed a model in which quality, safety, sustainability and regulation are key components. Our Hayward location where we recycle Ag containers is a zero discharge Plant.



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Timeline

- October
 - Regular meetings between EPA, CA DPR, ACRC & WPHA to gain scope and learn about other programs
- November
 - Survey conducted by WPHA (4-5 weeks)
- December
 - Survey results received
 - Potential collection sites reviewed and contacted
- January
 - Final dates and site determined
 - Registration packet created
 - Advertising/promotion of initial collection event January 27th & 28th



Marketing the Program

- Initial press release and registration packet
 - Directed towards
 - California agricultural associations
 - Regulatory bodies
 - Agricultural news-sources
 - Released by
 - Myers Container
 - Western Plant Health Association (WPHA)
 - California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR)
- Direct mailings of registration packet
 - Sent to California agricultural associations and 65+ individual businesses



Lessons Learned

- Estimate 2-3 weeks for the information to filter down to the right person.
- Containers were not triple rinsed prior to hearing about the event.
- Collecting interested party information in advance would have allowed for us to contact them instead of us waiting for registrations to come in.
- Difficult to plan around the holidays and early in the year is a small window before the busy season. Another time of year may be better.
- 8 weeks is probably needed from time of press release to the actual collection event.



Changes for Extended Collection

- Collecting basic information from interested parties in advance so we can contact them to register
- Pick-up program instead of drop-off

Next Steps

- Follow-up with interested registrants
- Schedule and complete pick-ups
- Final survey and close-out reporting



Myers Container Agricultural Chemical Container Recycling

- California pesticide handler training required for all team members
- Team member safety is priority #1, and our handling procedures are built around the *potential* of improperly prepared containers being returned
- Processing/handling procedures strictly adhere to ANSI / ASABES596 standards



Questions?

Any questions regarding recyclables mentioned in this presentation, or any other materials?

Contact Jim Bise for more information:



