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Kansas City – 2004 Byproducts Beneficial Use Summit

- Welcome to Kansas City and the Byproducts Beneficial Use Summit.
- We are very pleased that so many of you chose to join us today and we are very proud to be partnering with *Waste News* to hold this event.
- Thank you to my fellow presenters...Tom Dunne and Jay Richardson.
- This program was planned by a diverse workgroup of individuals from states particularly our sister Regions 5 and 8, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, local agencies such as Mid America Regional Council and Bridging the Gap, industry and EPA that have been working very hard since last November to develop the program and pull together the logistics for the conference. In fact the planning began at the Southeast Industrial Byproduct Beneficial Use Summit in Atlanta last year!

- I sincerely appreciate the time and efforts of these volunteers and am confident that this program will be both informative and offer a terrific networking opportunity.

- I would like to extend my personal thanks to all of the speakers, some of whom have traveled great distances to share their expertise and experience with us today

- If you attended last year's Summit in Atlanta or the previous one in Chicago you may notice more of an emphasis this year on organic byproducts and land application. This clearly reflects the agricultural nature of this region and is why the Summits are held in different part of the country each year.

- Next year, we will benefit from the experiences and issues surrounding beneficial use on the East Coast.

- In Kansas City we are proud of the efforts of a local not for profit institution, Bridging the Gap, who has created a partnership with and between businesses to share ideas and successes through the Environmental Excellence Business Network or EEBN. The partners come together monthly at facilities and events such as this learn from each other about what works and what is being tried to improve environmental practices.

- The network has expanded to reach nearly 40 facilities and many more individuals. This type of networking has set the stage for a successful by products synergies project by building trust and collaboration – a theme of the current EPA Administrator Michael Leavitt.
- EPA Region 7 is proud to support a By Products Synergies project right here in Kansas City. We are providing a (\$78,500) grant to Bridging the Gap from Regional Geographic Initiative funds.
- By-product synergy is defined as a process of cultivating partnerships between industries to turn one company's by-products into another company's raw material or feedstock.
- Our Kansas City project has received support from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Mid America Regional Council who joined us in recognizing the potential value of the project and the opportunity to create a more sustainable community.
- This project is also receiving support from the businesses and governments who are participating in the waste evaluation and

matching process.

- The Kansas City project is being ably lead by Bridging The Gap who are working with eight interested industries and governmental entities.

- It is understood that though significant gains have been made in the beneficial use of industrial byproducts, several challenges remain that need to be addressed. Neither industry nor regulatory agencies can address these challenges alone.

- We must work together to make beneficial use work while meeting our mutual obligation to protect human health and the environment.

- Today, we have representatives from over twenty states, many industries, and federal agencies. Make use of this opportunity and seek out others in your industry or state and introduce yourself.

- Our goal is to foster an atmosphere with open and direct dialogue.

- This agenda is a high priority for EPA at the national level as it is an important part of the Resource Conservation Challenge or

RCC which was established to promote and implement innovative approaches to waste reduction and recycling. Tom Dunne will soon give you more information on the current national priorities in the RCC. Regional activities are very important to the success of the RCC.

- If you have an interest in seeing how utilizing green products can contribute to a green building, I offer a tour of the new Science and Technology Center of EPA Region 7. This laboratory achieved a Gold Rating on the Leadership for Environment and Energy Design (LEEDs) program of the US Green Building Council. We would enjoy showing it to you following the activities today. Please contact Chet McLaughlin of my staff or the volunteers at the registration table who are arranging the tour.

- I wish you the best of luck in the Summit and an enjoyable stay in Kansas City.

- It is now my pleasure to introduce to you Thomas Dunne who is the acting Assistant Administrator of the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

- Tom has served the Agency in a number of national policy and managerial positions including Regional Administrator of Region X's EPA Office in the Northwest and Associate Administrator for EPA's Office of Regional Operations and State/Local Relations.

- Prior to EPA, Tom served for five years as the Administrator of the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration, advising the President on all Federal disaster relief and recovery operations in the United States.

- Tom has held a number of other high-level senior management positions in the Department of Commerce, including Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce in the Economic Development Administration.

- He has also held management positions in the private sector including Vice President in the Environmental Services Division of DynCorp and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Recycling Sciences International, Inc.

- We thank Tom for his leadership in the development of the Resource Conservation Challenge and the industrial by products programs. Let's welcome Tom Dunne. (Applaud)