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Facing Challenging Times: How RIOS™ Can Help

By now, there is no one associated with the recycling industry that hasn't been negatively affected by low commodity prices, or the unpredictability associated with those prices. From facilities, to equipment providers, everyone shares the burden. It is, however, in times like these that your RIOS™ QEHS Management System best provides value to your facility.

First and foremost, volume remains critical to being successful in these market conditions. Simple economics says that when margins are smaller, the only way to make up is to produce more product. Providing guarantees to both suppliers and customers will help ensure the retention of current stakeholders, but more importantly will help you expand those connections. Through the quality components of RIOS™, you will be able to provide better communication with those groups, better product, and most importantly, a higher standard of service. Also of value to the facility, a properly developed management system will allow management to identify opportunities to improve efficiency, and process the same material at lower cost.

Beyond the customer and the product, conditions like the ones being faced at facilities all over the world will test the limits of health and safety programs. Not only is it more difficult to invest in safety, but fewer employees are working harder to meet the deadlines set by management. At times like these, when fatigue becomes a factor, it is key to ensure that health and safety remains a priority, and the health and safety system that has been put in place is as effective as possible. This is paramount, not only because the health and safety of everyone within a facility is a priority, but also because when facilities are in economically challenging times they simply cannot afford the additional costs associated with incidents—no matter how severe.

On a final note, failing to comply with federal, state or local regulation related to environmental responsibility and health and safety is costly. By properly developing a RIOS™ management system, the facility has reviewed all of these regulations and had done everything it can to ensure compliance. In an environment in which OSHA and the EPA are growing more aggressive in their enforcement, the assurance that a well-developed RIOS™ system provides can pay for itself many times over.

Ultimately, RIOS™ does not have the ability to change the economic issues that are currently challenging the industry, but we have often seen that it can help facilities weather the storm. Over the coming months, RIOS™ staff and stakeholders will focus programming in webinars and industry events on these issues so that facilities can leverage their system to their favor. If you have any question about how to maximize

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Upcoming RIOS Events

Over the coming months RIOS staff will be at a several great events:

[Electronics Reuse Conference](#)

November 2-4, 2015, New Orleans, LA

[ISRI Safety and Environmental Council \(ISEC\) Fall Meeting](#)

November 10-12, 2015, San Antonio, TX

[Electronics Recycling Asia WRF 2015](#)

November 10-13, 2015, Singapore

[Plastics Recycling 2016](#)

February 1-3, 2016, New Orleans, LA

the effectiveness of your system, please do not hesitate to contact RIOS™ Director [Darrell Kendall](#).

E- Scrap 2015 Review



The E-Scrap 2015 convention in Orlando kicked off on September 1, with more than 1,200 attendees and exhibitors from 39 countries. The sessions this year covered a variety of topics from commodity prices to design, facility

efficiency, and a look at applicable state laws.

There was also an eagerly anticipated and well-attended session on the upcoming updates to various certifications, including RIOS™. The RIOS™ session highlighted the changes to come in the soon-to-be released standard revision. It gave members the opportunity to ask questions about modifications, as well as the time frames for updating their individual systems. This session was the first of many opportunities for members to get a better understanding of what the transition process will be like.



In addition to the educational programming, there were a variety of networking events for attendees to gather throughout the three day conference, the most notable being the jam-packed opening night welcome reception hosted by RIOS™. The attendance at this event was great, and the room was buzzing with conference participants doing business. The exhibition hall at this year's E-Scrap conference was bustling

with attendees from open to close each day. They were met with a variety of demonstrations including those from the popular website iFixit. ISRI, a platinum sponsor at this year's conference, also premiered its newest electronic recycling video which was very well received.

We look forward to next year's E-Scrap 2016, which will be held in New Orleans from Sept. 20-22, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. See you there.

ISRI Convention and
Exposition 2016
April 2-7, 2016, Las Vegas, NV

Questions?

Contact [Darrell Kendall](#), Director of the RIOS™ Program or [Irene Meroka](#), RIOS™ Communications & Membership Coordinator for more information.

RIOS in the News

[OSHA Announces Alliance with Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries](#)
Safety.blr.com, October 22, 2015

[The Environmental Goods Agreement
Why Recyclers and Recycling Equipment Manufacturers Should Care](#)
Recycling Product News, October 2015

[California Now Able to Fine for False Statements, Representations](#)
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