



## Invitation to Join the Circle of Safety Excellence™



As Chair of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, I am very excited to extend a special invitation to all that are pursuing, or have obtained, RIOS™ certification to join ISRI's Circle of Safety Excellence™. By being a part of RIOS™ you have already made the decision to implement a written health and safety management system, and thus have already demonstrated that health and safety is a priority at your facility for which I commend you, and also thank you.

The Circle of Safety Excellence™ is the logical next step. It is an initiative that was designed by ISRI specifically for companies like yours in order to foster mentorship and sharing among companies that have made safety a priority, and ultimately help to ensure that our industry is improving its safety record year-over-year. It is my belief that RIOS™ members would be strong additions to the program.

Participation in the program is easy. There is an online application, which asks for basic facility information, but more importantly will require you to submit three years of safety data for your company. This data is held confidentially, and used to benchmark those in the industry that have made significant commitments to improve their safety culture. With this data, the association will be better able to create programming, and proactively assist those companies that are committed to improving, but may need assistance.

As a participant in the program, you will get access to the aggregated data, so that you can compare your safety record with your peers, you will have the ability to share best practices with other likeminded companies in the industry, and you will get recognition within the industry for your commitment to operating a safe facility.

This program is about changing the culture of the industry. It's about encouraging a mentality that anything that is done within our companies will be done safely or it will not be done at all. Most importantly, it's about striving to send everyone home at the end of their shift so that they can play with their kids, enjoy their families, and know that their employer did everything they could to make that happen.

I ask you to strongly consider joining the Circle of Safety Excellence. For

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### Upcoming RIOS Events

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

RIOS™ 101  
Webinar: Communication and

more information, contact [Lisa Hazell](#).

Sincerely,  
Doug Kramer

## 2015 Safety Stand-Down Day

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Last October, in response to an unusual string of incidents, ISRI introduced the industry's first Safety Stand-Down Day. The purpose of this day was to take at least one hour to focus entirely on the health and safety of the employees in your facility. Based on the feedback, many RIOS™ member companies participated, and found the activity to be both productive and helpful. As a result of your effort, as well as that of countless other companies throughout the industry, Safety Stand-Down Day will now be an annual event.

This year the event will be held on June 24, just in time for summer to be getting into full swing. This time of year, unlike any other, tends to challenge the industry and its employees. High temperatures increase likelihood of fatigue, employees are taking time off to be with family, and in much of the country severe weather poses a regular threat. These are some of the possible topics that you may want to address as part of your Safety Stand-Down Day activities.

For more information about Safety Stand-Down Day, or for ideas about how to best emphasize this very important topic, please contact ISRI Safety Manager [Lisa Hazell](#).

If your facilities plan activities for Safety Stand-Down Day, please take pictures, and send a short write up to [Darrell Kendall](#) and we may be able to highlight your facility in future communications.

## 2015 Convention Recap

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Under the burning torch of the 2010 Olympic Games, I had the opportunity reflect on an ISRI Convention unlike any other. For a number of reasons, this convention was different than most. Most obviously, it was the first international event, which seems appropriate given the way the industry has shifted. More importantly though, the markets are as tough as they have been in years, which created plenty of reasons for a week filled with doom and gloom. This was, however, not the case.

During this reflection, it occurred to me that I will always remember the 2015 convention for the venue, the focus on sustainability, but most of all I will remember it as a turning point in the conversation about certification within the industry. Recyclers of all commodities were actively seeking information about the process. There is interest across the entire industry in strengthening companies in the areas of environment, and health and safety, but also in differentiating products and practices in order to be more effective business partners to customers. There was excitement about making this leap both from companies that want to get started on the path to certification, but also for companies that have invested in certification and have seen the very tangible returns on investment.

Operational Controls (look for an upcoming email with further details)  
May 28, 2015

ISRI Safety and  
Environmental Council (ISEC)  
June 2-4, 2015, New Orleans, LA

RIOS™ 101 Webinar:  
Improvement Planning and  
Goal Setting (look for an  
upcoming email with further  
details)  
July 30, 2015



While many in the industry will talk about all of the difficulties that we face over the coming years, this event was evidence that companies will not allow market prices to dictate their future. They instead are going to find ways to become more efficient, better employers, and stronger business partners. We are excited that RIOS is increasingly become part of those plans.

## Implementation Video Series Release

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RIOS™ is excited to announce that as of today, May 14, 2015, membership benefits will include access to a video series designed to help you get through the implementation process. These six 15 minute videos are password protected, and available only to active RIOS members. They were produced by our training team at Greeneye Partners. For information on how to access these videos, please contact [Irene Meroka](#).

## Renewal Announcement

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Unpaid renewals for 2015 membership are now past due. If you have an outstanding payment, but wish to continue your RIOS™ membership, please contact [Irene Meroka](#) at (202) 662-8553. On June 1, 2015, any outstanding payments that have not been in contact with RIOS™ staff will be considered to be no longer in good standing. For companies that currently hold certification, the certification bodies will be notified of the facility's change in status.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to discuss your membership with us, please reach out to us prior to the June 1 deadline.



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