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Ohio Materials Exchange List Server

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Ohio Materials Exchange List Server is an e-mail device that functions as an information sharing forum for government, private industry and universities. It provides an opportunity to identify resources for recycling and reusing unwanted materials from businesses and industry.

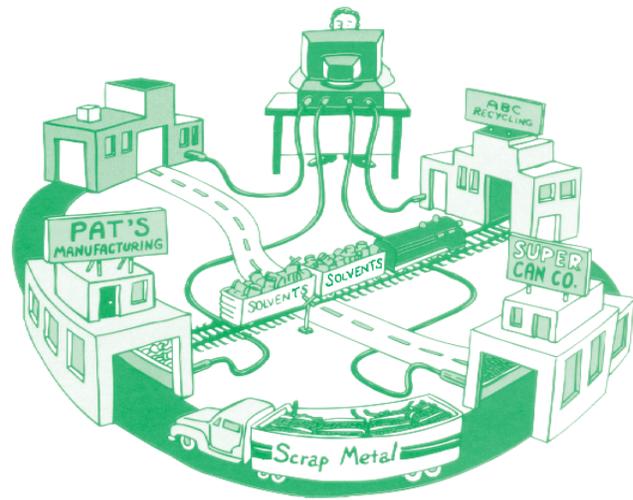
Introduction

The Ohio Materials Exchange Task Force has been meeting bi-monthly since September 1996 to discuss the feasibility of implementing a statewide materials exchange. The task force comprises representatives from Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Ohio Department of Development, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of Administrative Services, solid waste management districts, universities, and private industry. During these discussions, participants recommended that a materials exchange list server be established to keep communications flowing regarding ideas, concerns, needs and information on materials that can be reused. The Ohio Materials Exchange List Server (called OMX) was officially launched on March 19, 1997.

List Server Objectives

The objectives of the OMX are to:

- Benefit the environment as information is exchanged on various unwanted materials that may be reused and/or recycled instead of landfilled;
- Offer the opportunity to share success stories and problems;
- Provide a communication link to share information;
- Provide immediate access to subscribers to communicate with each other in the search for solutions to reuse unwanted materials;



- Identify significant new technical assistance resources; and
- Encourage partnerships between federal, state, local governments, private industry and others in reducing waste materials.

What is a list server?

A list server provides information by e-mail to a group of people (subscribers) who are interested in a specific topic, e.g., materials exchange. In OMX, meeting dates, ideas, technical resource information, etc., can be shared by anyone on the list at the same time through e-mail. The list is not limited - anyone can add/delete their subscription at any time. The list server is completely automated and free of charge.



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To subscribe to the list server

To subscribe to OMX, send an e-mail to: "majordomo@web.epa.ohio.gov" (quotation marks signify the beginning and ending of an address - omit quotation marks when addressing e-mail). In the message, type "subscribe omx" (again, omit quotation marks). The subject line can be left blank. When the subscription has been successfully completed, the OMX (i.e., a computer) will send you a message confirming your membership. This may take a maximum of several days. If you don't receive an e-mail confirmation, try subscribing again.

To post a message

To post a message on the list server, send an e-mail message to: "**omx@web.epa.ohio.gov**" (again, omit quotation marks) and include a descriptive subject line. As an example, your subject line could read "Pallet Recycling Search" and the message could read "seeking information on pallet recyclers in the Columbus area". It is also a good idea to include your name, title and affiliation at the end of the message. Your e-mail sent to the "omx@web.epa.ohio.gov" address will be forwarded to every OMX member.

Replying to a message

Users should always address replies to: "omx@web.epa.ohio.gov" address so that everyone on the list benefits from the exchange of information. For example: Let's suppose that someone needs information on pallets and you can assist them. Be sure to address your reply e-mail to: "**omx@web.epa.ohio.gov**" (see above concerning quotation marks). In the "subject" line, type "RE: Pallets" and then provide the information. By replying to the OMX address, every subscriber will receive the e-mail.

Some e-mail systems provide the option of pressing a "reply" button. However, when you receive an OMX e-mail and respond by pressing the "reply"

button, only the person who posted the original message will receive the information. So that everyone on the list server can follow the dialogue, please address replies to "omx@web.epa.ohio.gov".

To unsubscribe from the list server

To remove your subscription from the list server, send an e-mail to: majordomo@web.epa.ohio.gov" with the following message: "unsubscribe omx". The subject line can be left blank. Your subscription will automatically be removed.

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This is the 36th in a series of fact sheets that Ohio EPA has prepared on pollution prevention. For more information, call the Office of Pollution Prevention at (614) 644-3469 or visit its web site at <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/opp>.

The Office of Pollution Prevention was created to encourage multi-media pollution prevention activities within the state of Ohio, including source reduction and environmentally sound recycling practices. The office analyzes, develops, and publicizes information and data related to pollution prevention. Additionally, the office increases awareness of pollution prevention opportunities through education, outreach, and technical assistance programs directed toward business, government, and the public.