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## Press Release/News Advisory

### **U.S. COMPOSTING COUNCIL'S 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW - BIGGER & BETTER THAN EVER! 2011 CONFERENCE SCHEDULED IN SANTA CLARA, CA**

(Ronkonkoma, New York – February 7, 2010) – The USCC 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Trade Show was another huge success. More than 900 composting and organics recycling professionals and more than 100 exhibitors attended the US Composting Council's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Trade Show, January 24-27 in Orlando, FL. Hosted by 48 sponsors, the Annual Conference attracted a national and international audience, with representatives from nearly every state and 18 countries.

In addition to three days of training courses and educational and technical sessions, the conference also featured a record number of Equipment Demonstrations by many of the leading equipment manufacturers and suppliers in the industry. Grinding and shredding equipment from Peterson, Bandit Industries, Morbark, Doppstadt, Komptech, Continental Biomass Industries, Hammel, and Vermeer Corporation. Screening plants from Powerscreen, Wildcat, Doppstadt, & McCloskey International. Screening and Air Classification Equipment by Komptech. Mixing equipment from ROTO-MIX, & Supreme International. Turning equipment from Scarab Manufacturing and Leasing, Komptech, Midwest Biosystems, Backhus, and Vermeer Corporation. Compost application and spreading equipment from New Leader, and Ecolawn. Waste reduction/Pulping equipment by Somat. Excavators and Wheel Loaders from New John Deere (by Nortrax Equipment).

Among this year's conference highlights were awards presented for outstanding achievements in the composting industry:

- Hi Kellogg Award for Outstanding Service to the Composting Industry, *awarded to William Ward Townshend, South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District, FL*
- Rufus Chaney Award for Research Excellence, *awarded to Greg Evanylo, Virginia Tech, VA*
- Composter of the Year, *awarded to Tom Fry, Community Recycling & Resource Recovery, Inc., Lamont Compost Facility, CA*
- The H. Clark Gregory Award to Promote Grassroots Efforts in Composting, *awarded to Perry Plumart, US House of Representatives, "Green the Capitol", Washington, DC*
- Clean Water Award, *awarded to Neil Weinstein, The Low Impact Development Center, Inc., MD*

**Next year's US Composting Council's Annual Conference & Trade Show is scheduled for January 23-26, at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara, Santa Clara, California.** Another tremendous event is planned, with the most comprehensive program of workshops & training seminars, educational & technical sessions, and tours & equipment demonstrations available. USCC President, Wayne King, invites all those interested in composting, anaerobic digestion, biomass utilization, and organics recycling to join the US Composting Council for this annual educational and business opportunity. Visit [www.compostingcouncil.org](http://www.compostingcouncil.org) or call the USCC at 631.737.4931 for more information.

*The US Composting Council is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to the development, expansion and promotion of the composting and organics recycling industry in the U.S. The USCC also directs the Composting Council Research and Education Foundation (CCREF), a charitable foundation, which administers public and private research and education activities. For more information about the composting industry and membership in the USCC, visit [www.compostingcouncil.org](http://www.compostingcouncil.org)*

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