



ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Recycling

PURPOSE: To examine recycling-related issues

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Wednesday
January 23, 2019
Time 11:00 a.m.

Legislative Office Building Hearing Room C

Recycling is a fundamental component of New York State's vision of a vibrant, innovative, and sustainable economy. According to the most-recent information available from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, recycling rates have increased from less than 10 percent in 1960 to 34.7 percent in 2015¹, with approximately 40 percent of those recyclables shipped to China². However, China has significantly restricted the recyclables it will accept, banning some, including post-consumer plastic and mixed paper, and imposing restrictive cleanliness requirements for materials that are accepted. The purpose of this hearing is to examine the status of recycling markets, including the impacts of China's market restrictions, and any potential alternatives that could help reinvigorate New York's recycling efforts.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to ten minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible. Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

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Committee on Environmental Conservation

¹ Advanced Sustainable Material Management: 2015 Fact Sheet, United States Environmental Protection Agency, July 2018

² National Waste & Recycling Association website

PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on Recycling to be conducted by the Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation on January 23, 2019.
- I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to ten minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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