

New Jersey DEP Honors Atlantic Coast Fibers for Outstanding Achievement in Recycling

PASSAIC, N.J. – In recognition of an innovative approach to single stream recycling, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has bestowed an award to Atlantic Coast Fibers, LLC for their innovative approach to recycling.

While there are many recycling facilities in New Jersey and other states that claim the ability to process Single Stream recyclables, there are relatively few that have invested like Atlantic Coast Fibers has, in the type of equipment necessary to process Single Stream recyclables efficiently while producing a high yield.

Guy Watson, NJ DEP Recycling Bureau Chief, presented the award. Accepting the award for Atlantic Coast Fibers were Chris Riviello, Rick Ramsay, Allan Zozzaro and John Stanton. The award was presented at the 32nd Annual Awards Luncheon in Neptune, NJ.



Allan Zozzaro, Rick Ramsay, John Stanton and Chris Riviello proudly receive prestigious recycling award from Guy Watson of the NJ DEP

“We believe that the lack of recycling facilities capable of processing Single Stream recyclables may have a negative effect on the growth of Single Stream Recycling” said Riviello. “Ultimately this may have a detrimental effect on the overall amount of recyclables recovered since there is a direct correlation between adaptation of Single Stream recycling and increased recovery”

Atlantic Coast Fibers, with over 110 employees at its recycling facilities in Passaic NJ and Neptune NJ, has stepped forward by investing over \$11 million dollars to build the most modern and efficient Single Stream recycling facility in New Jersey, and in all probability the East Coast. As an example of their innovative approach, the ballistic separator they designed is the largest one ever installed in the United States, and one of the largest in the world. They have also installed the most advanced optical sorters, OCC screens, paper screens, and drum feeders available.

“We invested in the belief that by building a world class facility, which provides for all of the recycling needs of the regional municipalities, the result will be increased volumes of recovered recyclables from the municipalities and provide ease of recycling for their residents,” said Zozzaro.

According to Ramsay their philosophy has not changed for over 80 years. “Many in our industry have questioned why we have made such a large investment in these tough economic times. The reason is simple, we believe in the future of recycling and we felt it is necessary to have infrastructure in place to support and help simplify recycling programs to increase residential participation”

“We are truly honored to have won this prestigious award,” added Riviello, “and appreciate the recognition from the State of New Jersey of our belief and support of recycling”