



IAN ASHCRAFT, ST. LOUIS-JEFFERSON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Ian is a Grant Administrator for Region L – St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Management District. He works both directly and indirectly with residents, municipalities, other governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and businesses in his position as well as with entities via OneSTL. Ian has been a mentor with the Green Schools Quest through the Missouri Gateway Green Building Council and a supervisor on earthday-365's Recycling On the Go team for nearly 8 years. His passion is supporting innovative and/or accessible solutions for diverting waste and extending the life of products at home, community-wide, and "to scale." Through both his personal and professional life, he has been an advocate of everyone's "right to repair."



GREG COOKSEY, MIDWEST RECYCLING CENTER

Greg Cooksey is the Sr. Director of Business Development and Compliance Officer at Midwest Recycling Center (MRC), R2/RIOS-certified electronics recycling and ITAD provider serving the Midwest. He leads business development, regulatory compliance, and NIST-aligned data destruction programs that support circular economy goals and responsible material recovery.



JIM RUTLEDGE, EPC

Jim Rutledge is the National Commodity Manager at EPC, where he leads downstream vendor relationships and oversees the movement of commodities through the electronics recycling process. He specializes in maximizing material recovery, ensuring responsible and compliant handling, and strengthening communication across the supply chain to drive both operational efficiency and value.

With a practical, solutions-focused approach, Jim works to align vendor performance with organizational goals while balancing sustainability, compliance, and profitability in a complex and evolving industry.

Outside of his professional role, Jim is a licensed amateur radio operator and an active volunteer in emergency preparedness and disaster recovery efforts. He leads a local ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) group and supports other response organizations, with a focus on preparedness, coordination, and maintaining reliable communication systems when they are needed most.



BRI SMITH, WALMART

Bri Smith has made the trash and recycling industry an integral part of her life. At her day job, she's coordinating organic recycling services for over 5,000 retail and supply chain locations, ensuring services are completely accurately, efficiently, and at a low price, diverting as much waste from landfills as possible. In her own community, Bri established a Waste Warriors group focused on picking up the ever-growing amount of Missouri roadside litter. She's constantly pushing for locals to adopt recycling practices and sharing resources where needed. Keeping Missouri clean and sustainable is the goal and joining MORA as a board director is Bri's next step to continue forward progress!



BYRON WILCOX, REPUBLIC SERVICES

Byron Wilcox, Recycling Operations Manager at Republic Services, has spent his entire career in the waste and recycling industry; with the majority being at Midwest Fibre, a prominent full-service recycling company based out of southwest Missouri. Byron plays a vital role now at Republic Services as Recycling Operations Manager. He has a vast knowledge of the recycling industry and has a strong commitment to sustainable practices and a passion for environmental responsibility.