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# Associate Member Profile Integrated Recycling Technologies

Established in 1997 by Steve Budd, Integrated Recycling Technologies (IRT) is a Minnesota-based company specializing in the recycling of catalytic converters, precious metals, electronic scrap, and non-ferrous metals.

After a humble beginning in Steve's garage, IRT has grown into a global competitor, processing 4.5 million pounds of non-ferrous, e-scrap, and catalyst per month, out of a modest 4-acre, 40-employee facility in Monticello, Minnesota. Their strong customer focus has helped the company continue to grow rapidly, even in the midst of the recent economic downturn.

Utilizing their ability to assay all precious metals, IRT is able to quickly and accurately grade catalyst material. This, along with their ability to hedge metals, ensures that their customers receive consistent and transparent pricing of their material. After building a second facility in 2008, IRT has the ability to cut converters on-site, thereby saving on refining costs, and passing those savings along to their customers. To help eliminate error and maximize efficiency, IRT installed a state-calibrated truck scale



in early 2009 to complement their floor scales and computerized buying system.

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# Automotive Recyclers of Minnesota Minutes - Board of Directors Meeting

January 30, 2010 - McQuoid's Inn, Isle, MN

### **MINUTES**

Call to Order: The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 9:57 a.m. by ARM President, Dave Marofsky. Board present: Jesse Faust, Patrick Garrity, Carl Genz, Paul Lang, Rick Lemke, Dave Marofsky, Shane Rudd, & Terry Stenglein. Board Absent: Chris Bickmann, Randy Davis, Mark Hortman and Steve Tretter. Staff Present: Kelly Lynch-Salseg. Guest: Todd Skrypez, John's Auto Parts.

December 2009 board meeting minutes were

# ADOLPH's Catalytic Converters

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12325 Cloud Drive Blaine, MN 55449 www.AdolphsCoverters.com reviewed. Lemke motioned to approve the minutes; Lang seconded. Motion carried.

Association and Foundation Financials were presented by Rudd and reviewed by board.

**MN CAR:** Salseg will contact Kendziorski to make sure he follows up on MEI partnership.

**Scholarships:** Number and amount of scholarships will be determined after the 2010 application deadline.

**Summer Outing:** Salseg will look into the cost and options for a MN Twins Outing in September and report back at the April board meeting. Genz and Rudd both have MN Twins contacts for Salseg.

Executive Director Contract: E.D. requested a management fee increase. Genz motioned to approve request; Garrity seconded. Motion carried.

**President's Report:** Passed. **Committee Reports:** Passed.

Date & Location of next meeting: Thursday, April 8, 2 p.m. – Upper Midwest Convention – Holiday Inn – Bloomington, MN.

There being no further business, Genz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m.; Stenglein seconded. Motion carried.

"Imagination is the highest kite one can fly."

Lauren Bacall
Day by Day



# Message from the President By Dave Marofsky

Well Spring is here and the convention has

passed. Hope you all had a great time. It's nice to get together and find out we all have the same issues. Our board members all worked hard to bring the convention to a successful conclusion. I would like to thank them and our Executive Director, Kelly Salseg, for all their efforts.

I believe the next item on our agenda will be to

monitor the storm water permit process. As an association we will have more say in this process if we can police our own industry and try to keep our businesses clean. We will have a much better chance at directing our destiny.

Scholarship time has arrived and scholarship recipients will be announced soon.

Let's all have a great rest of the year – be well!



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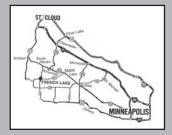
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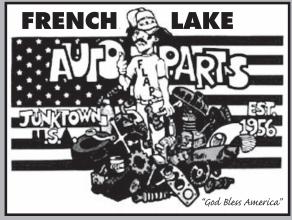
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Director's Desk
By Kelly Lynch-Salseg

In the upcoming weeks ARM will be working on outreach to MN salvage yards and related businesses that are not ARM members, in order to encourage them to join



our association. You can be of help in this effort. Visit the ARM web site (ww.autore-cyclersmn.net) and take a quick look at who is – and who is not - an ARM member. If you know of a fellow MN recycler or related business that you feel belongs on that membership list – give them a call. Or give me a call at the ARM office (612-781-5555) and pass their names on to me.

If asked what the benefits of being an ARM member are – tell them that ARM looks out for your interests, enhances your image, educates, and provides the opportunity to meet others in the automotive recycling industry who share your interests and goals.

ARM provides a route for our members to get involved and accomplish together what none of them could do alone. ARM's strength lies in attracting the greatest number of recyclers and related business into membership, thereby creating a pool of resources.



# REASONS TO JOIN AUTOMOTIVE RECYCLERS OF MINNESOTA

### Newsletter

- The Minnesota Recycler is mailed out six times yearly free of charge
- Information about ARM members and events, legislative reports, business tips and market conditions. Member profiles, timely articles, announcements and advertisements.

### Membership Directory

• Over 3,500 mailed annually to every insurance adjuster, body shop, mechanical repair shop and automotive recycler known to exist in Minnesota! FREE LISTING to ARM members.

### Representation at the Capitol

- ARM works with local and state governing bodies on issues affecting the recycling industry.
- Provides the "eyes, ears and voice" for recyclers.

### National Affiliation

• ARM is an affiliate member of ARA- the Automotive Recyclers of America.

### **ARM** Foundation

• Developed to provide annual post-secondary educational scholarships to children of ARM Full members and their employee's children. ARM awarded \$5,000 to deserving applicants last year.

### Web Site- www.autorecyclersmn.net

- An information resource for recyclers, body and repair shops, and retail customers.
- Averages over 21,000 Total Hits a month!
- Contact ARM lists all officer and management names and phone numbers.
- Calendar lists all upcoming ARM events.
- Members List provides phone numbers, email and web site links to all ARM members.
- Parts Search area provides an opportunity for ARM members to sell their parts.
- News Letters archives past issues of the Minnesota Recycler.
- Site is continually improving and expanding.

### Upper Midwest Automotive Recyclers Convention & Trade Show

- Annual convention brings vendors and recyclers together in one place.
- We team up with Wisconsin to host the best regional convention in the country.

### **Products**

• Plastic part bags (18 x 24) are offered to ARM members at the lowest possible price!

### MN-CAR Program (Minnesota Certified Automotive Recycler)

• The MN-CAR Program is designed to help members improve their performance as professional recyclers, and recognizes and certifies that enrolled members, passing an audit, meet specified general business, environmental, safety, licensing, and regulatory standards.

### **Educational and Social Events**

- Educational seminars and trainings held on subjects of interest to recyclers.
- Social events such as the annual Summer & Winter Outing bring recyclers together with an opportunity to network in an informal and fun atmosphere.

### Be a Player

- Rather than watching from the sidelines, joining ARM is an opportunity to get involved and affect change rather than being a passive non-participant.
- For the price of your cheapest transmission sale you can get your company name in front of repair shops, auto body shops, insurance adjusters, and fellow auto recyclers for an *entire year!*

# Automotive Recyclers of Minnesota Application for Membership

Company Name						
Contact Person & Title (Name in directory)						
Address						
City, State, Zip						
Phone:	Fax:					
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E-mail:						
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MN-CAR

Automotive Recyclers of Minnesota (ARM) is the statewide trade association of licensed auto recyclers. The association's members are companies that have taken a leadership role in safe and environmentally sound vehicle dismantling and recycling. ARM members promote responsible recycling, worker safety, and environmental protection—including the proper handling and disposal of all automotive-related hazardous materials, such as gasoline, oil, freon, antifreeze, brake fluid, transmission fluid, batteries, mercury switches, and tires.

Partnerships
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Annual
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In 2008, ARM underscored its commitment to helping promote member performance by establishing the Minnesota Certified Automotive Recycler (MN-CAR) program. MN-CAR helps members improve regulatory compliance and motivates facility operators to meet the industry's highest performance standards. This proactive, industry-led approach assists members in complying with the complicated set of environmental, safety, and business regulations that face Minnesota auto recyclers. Certified MN-CAR members are also considered to be CARcertified by the Automotive Recyclers Association (ARA)—if the company is an ARA member.

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- · Improve performance
- Increase compliance
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- · Core engines and
- Spent cleaning
- Tires
- · Mercury switches





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- Business licenses and permits
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- Right to Know and MSDS
- DOT airbag shipping training
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- Forklift safety
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  - Airbags
- Pollution prevention

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	To not knowingly purchase and/or sell automotive parts of questionable origin. A MN-CAR member should take pride in his industry and business, thereby enhancing quality, customer service and confidence.
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Busi	ness Owner Signature:Date:
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### 4th ANNUAL ARM WINTER OUTING

Held January 29 & 30 In Isle, Minnesota

The 4th Annual ARM Winter Outing was held at McQuoid's Inn in Isle, Minnesota on January 29 & 30. We had cold temperatures but blue skies, lots of sunshine, record attendance and a great time.

The weekend kicked off on Friday evening with a packed house at the Crow Wing Recycling Hospitality Suite. We had many new folks joining us this year and it was great to meet them.

The Ice Fishing Contest, sponsored by Northern Metal Recycling, started early Saturday morning. There were three categories and \$150 in cash prizes up for grabs. Tom Swafford with Northern Metal Recycling took the prize for biggest

fish and Andy Faust with Viking Auto Salvage took the prizes for first and most fish caught.

An ARM board meeting was held Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Crow Wing Hospitality Suite. We had a productive meeting and were really pleased to have Todd Skrypez from John's Auto Parts sit in with us.

Saturday evening was the ever popular

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Adolph's Converters & Cores Chili Cook Off. We had more entries than ever and although the votes were close, Marla Wolterstorff (Dyke's Auto Salvage/Worthington) for the 2nd year running won the prize for Best Darn Chili and took home a \$200 cash prize.

A very special thanks to all of our guests and especially to our sponsors!



"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

Theodore Roosevelt

Day by Day

# Automotive Recyclers of Minnesota Scrapbook Winter Outing 2010



## **Best practices in safety from Harleysville Insurance**

Safety as an auto salvage recycler, it is one of your top priorities. And as one of the leading providers of auto salvage yard insurance in Minnesota, safety is a key for Harleysville Insurance as well.

With that in mind, Harleysville has provided a top 10 lists of loss control best practices—one at a time—- in past issues of The Minnesota Recycler. With nearly 30 years of experience insuring auto salvage recyclers, Harleysville has a wealth of information on types of losses that have occurred and the steps that can be taken to prevent or control them in the future.

The Minnesota Recycler featured #10 best practices for Removal of Gasoline and Gasoline Tanks from Salvage Vehicles, #9 Keeping Dogs out of Customer Areas, #8 Tire Storage in Salvage Yards, # 7 Waste Oil Heaters, #6 Hot Work Controls, #5 Housekeeping Salvage Yards Inside and Outside of buildings, #4: Public Protection, Customer Hazards, #3: Product Liability Exposures and Controls, and #2: Risk Transfer. In true top 10 fashion, here's #1 on the list of the most important loss control best practices for auto salvage recyclers ...



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### Best Practice #1: Control of Crime in Salvage Yards

Crime can close the doors on a business, can be internal as well as external and can leave your business with a negative public perception.

Although crime can not be eliminated in all cases, internal and external crime can be controlled if the exposure is well understood.

Know your employees; external back ground checks on new hires are inexpensive and can assist in your hiring process to determine if a potential employee is a proper fit in your organization. You need to be able to trust your employees and background checks can help, especially with employees in key positions.

Hire an outside firm to audit your books, and require counter signatures on your checks when appropriate. Protect your computer information and your networks by use of professional information technology companies.

External crime requires an inspection and audit of your facilities starting at your properties perimeter. Lighting is important inside and outside as is a deterrent to thieves. Are light levels at the perimeter, in your yard and in and on your building adequate?

Fencing of the yard should be non-climbable, tall enough to be a deterrent and covered so that people in the area can not see in the yard. Vertical sheet steel with razor wire on top is an effective deterrent that is difficult to climb and shields your yard from the publics view.

High target items should be stored in or near the buildings and back from the fence line. Digital closed circuit television cameras in the yard, parking lot, and inside the buildings can assist as a deterrent as well as assist in uncovering cause of injury by someone on your premises.



# Three Essential Products You Need to Automate Your Business and Increase Your Profits

### **EDEN: - Parts Locating Network**

- Trade with 3,000 business partners
- · Insert parts directly into repair facility and insurer estimates
- · Sell parts on the web at www.mypartshop.com
- · Market inventory on your website with Direct Hit

### Powerlink - Yard Management System

- Automated Pricing that suggests changes in prices based on market conditions in your area
- Creation of an order from a quote without having to start from scratch
- Automated insertion of extended warranties to increase sales

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Security systems such as monitored motion detection, door and window glass breakage contacts should be used and the monitoring company should be UL certified. Be sure to post signs noting your security systems and your closed circuit television cameras. Unless there is something inside that an intruder really wants they would prefer to go elsewhere when they see that a business has a monitored security system and or television monitoring.

Make daily bank deposits are varied times of day. Stamp your checks for deposit as received and do not store a lot of excess cash in the store overnight.

Keep a well organized and running computer inventory of your equipment, parts and salvage, and do a physical inventory at least annually.

As a result of the loss potential related to crime in salvage yards and in an effort to keep the insurance premiums to a minimum, here is best practices recommendation #1.

Complete and maintain a crime audit of your facilities to determine how well your business is protected from crime. Consider your facility protection as well as who your hire for employees, and make any necessary improvements to protect your business from crime.

Questions? If you have any questions on this top 10 item or any other safety matter, contact Kelly Salseg at 612.781.5555. We would be happy to respond to your questions in upcoming issues of this publication. Check back here



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**VIKING AUTO SALVAGE:** Birthday greetings to Tony Faust who will be celebrating another year on May 23rd! No one can hold a candle to you Tony!

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"What's New With You?": Please contact the ARM office with your and your employee's birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, births, etc. coming up. We will gladly include them in the "What's New With You?" column. Gather those dates, names and occasions and let us know. Also, if your company or any employees have received any kind of special civic commendation or award, or you have made any changes to or with your business - pass that info. along as well. Email (autorecyclersmn@bitstream.net), fax (612-781-7052) or phone (612-781-5555) the information in!

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### NMVTIS 101:

### **What You Need to Know About Federal Reporting**

**NMVTIS** (nim VEE tus or nim VIT us) n. acronym: National Motor Vehicle Title Information System

- 1. A national storehouse of automobile information used to protect states and consumers from fraud and unsafe vehicles, and to prevent VINs from destroyed vehicles from being used for illicit purposes.
- 2. A federal reporting requirement for all state jurisdictions, insurers, junk and salvage yards, dismantlers, scrap yards, crushers, metal shredders, auto recyclers, salvage pools or any business that deals in junk and salvage vehicles.

### What is NMVTIS, exactly?

The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) is a U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) database operated by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) that contains automobile information from states, insurance carriers and the salvage industry.

Beginning in March 2009 every business that handles junk, salvage or total loss vehicles must report specific pieces of information about those vehicles to the national database. States report title information and use the database to check out-of-state titles in NMVTIS before issuing a new title, to ensure that title brands (such as FLOOD or REBUILT) issued in one state move with the vehicle to other states. Consumers and insurers can use the reported information to make sure a used car has not been totaled or rebuilt without their knowledge. The NMVTIS database is also meant to provide a clear chain of possession for end-of-life vehicles. For law enforcement, NMVTIS helps

prevent theft and fraud by reducing thieves' ability to steal vehicles and swap out VIN plates, or get clean titles on stolen vehicles.

### Do you have to report?

In general, if you own, control, handle, or acquire more than five junk or salvage vehicles a year, you must report to NMVTIS. It doesn't matter if your business type isn't specifically listed in the DOJ ruling; if you deal in salvage vehicles, you are affected by these new requirements.

# What qualifies as a junk or salvage vehicle?

According to the federal rule, junk vehicles are vehicles incapable of operating on public streets, roads, and highways with no value except as a source of parts or scrap. These vehicles may be acquired for resale in their entirety or as spare parts, for rebuilding, restoration, or crushing. Salvage vehicles are also automobiles damaged by collision, fire, flood, accident, trespass or other event to the extent that the fair salvage value plus the cost of repair for legal operation would be more than the fair market value of the automobile immediately



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What does all this mean? Basically, if a vehicle will be used for parts or rebuilding, if it will be crushed, if the cost to repair a vehicle is more than the vehicle is worth, or a vehicle is connected with a total loss insurance claim, it's a junk or salvage automobile and must be reported. Please keep in mind that this definition does not consider title brands or status— even a car with a "clean" title must be reported if it fits the federal salvage definition.

### What is NOT a salvage vehicle?

Under the NMVTIS guidelines, if a qualified independent appraiser determines that a vehicle does not meet the definition of a salvage or junk automobile, it does not have to be reported. This determination must be in writing and made after performing a good-faith physical and value appraisal. The DOJ recommends that junk and salvage yards retain the reports and written appraisals for a period of ten years from the date of the report.

### How do you report?

NMVTIS reports are made through approved data consolidators. Consolidators collect the required information from salvors and insurers, format it and insert it into the NMVTIS database. Auto Data Direct, Inc. (ADD), Insurance Services Office (ISO) and Audatex are the AAMVA-approved data consolidators for NMVTIS reporting.

New regulations can be frustrating and confusing, and consolidators have varied prices and different ways for recyclers to provide the required information, so it's a good idea to shop around to find the data consolidator and reporting process that works best for your business. For example, ADD has three different reporting methods to choose from, and live customer service six days a week. ADD also offers tools to help verify your compliance, with a Record Manifest to monitor each report from submission to acceptance, a VIN validation tool, a searchable archive of reported vehi-

cles and printable report confirmation receipts. Additionally, many management systems and business software providers have teamed up with NMVTIS data consolidators to help users report NMVTIS vehicles with a few clicks of a mouse.

### What do you report?

For each junk and salvage vehicle you handle, you should provide your business contact information, the VIN, the date the vehicle was obtained and who it was obtained from. Salvage reports are also required to include a statement of the vehicle's disposition (if it will be used for parts or rebuilding, crushed or sold) and if it will be exported out of the US.

The rules require you to report a vehicle within 30 days of receiving it. You should make an initial report within 30 days of taking a vehicle into inventory, and a supplementary report within 30 days of a change to the vehicle disposition (such as when a rebuilder is sold, or a parts vehicle is crushed).

If you will receive a vehicle and dispose of it (by crushing or selling the vehicle) within 30 days, you are allowed to make only one report indicating the final disposition. You should not report a vehicle as crushed until the vehicle has actually been crushed, because reporting a vehicle with a disposition of CRUSH indicates that the vehicle has reached the end of its life and can never again be sold, titled or used as a motor vehicle.

### Is it too late to begin reporting?

If you haven't ever made a NMVTIS report, or you've only reported some of your salvage vehicles (such as your Cash for Clunkers cars), it's not too late to catch up. The Department of Justice has stated that even if you are late beginning NMVTIS reporting, when you do make your first report, you should include ALL junk and salvage vehicles that you have taken in since March 1, 2009.

If you have been reporting and find that you have forgotten to report a few vehicles, or you've reported them incorrectly, the same principle applies: better late than never. Even if you're behind, it is important that you make a complete and accurate report.

### What's in it for you?

The real benefit of the NMVTIS database is the consumer protection it provides. If you would like to check a vehicle history before you buy a rebuilder, take a trade-in, or auction a vehicle, you have access to NMVTIS information as well. A NMVTIS Vehicle History provides information from a vehicle's current title, including the vehicle's brand history, title history, and the latest reported odometer readings. NMVTIS vehicle reports will also tell you if a vehicle has been determined to be "salvage" or a total loss by an insurance company or a self-insuring organization, and lists prior reports from auto recyclers who may have handled the vehicle. Everyone has a story about a bad car purchasedon't get stuck with a clunker.

A program like NMVTIS has never before existed on a national level. The information it contains will demonstrate just how much the salvage industry does for recycling, and will be invaluable for industry groups fighting to make a difference on a policy level. The data in NMVTIS is hard evidence of the major role automotive recycling plays in the national economy. It also may help improve industry processes and make it easier for law enforcement to find "problem" businesses in the long run. The system is still new, but the information could potentially replace outdated state record-



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keeping methods such as handwritten police books and mailed-in title packets.

NMVTIS levels the playing field for auto recycling businesses small and large. Across the industry, upstanding business owners obtain complicated permits and follow strict regulations for storm water, fluid recycling, and hazardous materials disposal— expenses that cost thousands of dollars a year. Enforcement of these regulations is haphazard, and tends to target businesses trying to comply



rather than shady businesses that fly under the radar by avoiding permits altogether. Unlike other industry requirements, NMVTIS reports provide a clear chain of possession for end-of-life vehicles that will make enforcement much simpler, and clearly identify those that are not compliant.

Many insurance companies and most salvage pools are reporting to NMVTIS, and each report indicates the name of the business that bought each vehicle. If an insurance carrier reports that they totaled a vehicle and sent it to auction, then the auto auction reports the receipt and sale of that same vehicle, but the recycler who purchased the vehicle never reports... it's clear that the recycler is not reporting as required. Gaps in the chain of possession point directly to the businesses who are not reporting, rather than those who are.

### How do you check compliance?

The official government website, www.nmvtis.gov, provides a searchable database of compliant companies under the **About Us** tab, when you click the **Who Reports to NMVTIS?** link. NMVTIS compliance checks are a great law enforcement tool that will help identify unfair and illegal business practices that hurt the whole industry. Compliance checks can work for you, too. Make sure your suppliers are reporting—don't buy cars from vendors trying to skirt the rules.

The NMVTIS reporting program is already producing results, from its role in Cash for Clunkers enforcement, to the discovery of VIN cloning rings and an improved recovery rate of stolen vehicles. NMVTIS is a federal program, and the reports are separate from your state regulations. It is important to understand the NMVTIS requirements, because it is not your state's responsibility to report information to NMVTIS on your behalf; it is ultimately your responsibility to ensure your business is in compliance.

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Last week, Russia began its version of a cash-for-clunkers program as part of an ambitious 10-year, \$20-billion commitment to revive the country's hard-hit auto industry, which could benefit Detroit automakers — especially General Motors. The Russian program is designed to spur vehicle trade-ins as part of an overall industry modernization effort.

The program gives a 50,000 ruble subsidy (slightly more than \$1,700 U.S.) for owners of trade-ins at least 10 years old if the consumer purchases a new car made in Russia. The program is expected to spur 200,000 Russian car sales this year. Russia's program includes an initial investment of \$6 billion going toward several areas, including the scrappage program, the government purchase of cars and retraining workers. In 2009, 1.4 million vehicles were sold in the country, 56 percent less than 2008.

The second and fourth largest automobile makers in Russia, respectively, General Motors Co. and Ford Motor Corp, are expected to benefit from the program.

Meanwhile, back in the U.S., the latest consensus appears to be that last years "cash for clunkers" program actually sold many more vehicles than originally estimated. This finding comes from the Ohio-based Maritz Automotive Research Group.

According to their research, the program generated 542,000 incremental new vehicle sales to consumers who would otherwise not have purchased or leased a vehicle, had it not been for the incentive program. Compare that to the previous "expert" estimates of 125,000 to 346,000 vehicles.

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# Labor Agencies to Increase Enforcement - OSHA Revisits Ergonomics Standards

As many of you may remember, during the Clinton Administration the Department of Labor developed an extensive ergonomics standard that was overturned by Congress using the Congressional Review Act. While the regulation was prevented from being implemented, organized labor groups and the current Administration are actively seeking to move forward on another approach regarding ergonomics.

On January 29th, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) initiated an agency rulemaking to create an ergonomics standard that would restore a column on the 300-Log for employers to record work-related musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs). Earlier this month, the comment period was extended through March 30, at the request of stakeholders. OSHA's recent proposed recordkeeping rule clearly indicates that the goal is to lay the groundwork for a broad ergonomics effort. The proposed MSD recordkeeping rulemaking is the first step in this effort.

However, the impact of such a rule would result in the proposed definition of a MSD, requiring employers to record a wide array of conditions on their OSHA logs. The proposed definition would also be used to support cases under OSHA's General Duty Clause. Furthermore, the agency would claim a need to implement an ergonomic standard in some form such as including an ergonomics component in an OSHA Safety & Health Program standard.

Typically, small businesses compared to large businesses do not have the staff, funds, experience, or time to implement extensive compliance strategies such as those called for in OSHA's proposed ergonomics regulation. While OSHA has down-played the magnitude of this seemingly harmless recordkeeping proposal, if issued, it would have implications beyond the difficulties in recordkeeping it would create. ARA will be working in coalition with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to address this rulemaking.

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# Copper Scrap Discount Halves on Metal Shortage, Recyclers Say

Bloomberg (03/04/10) Stablum, Anna

The Bureau of International Recycling reports that copper's scrap discount to New York-listed futures has shrunk by as much as half in two months due to a shortage of used metal. High-grade copper wire scrap often becomes scarce in the Northern Hemisphere in the winter months due to snow delaying collections, says Alter Trading's Robert Stein. "You've got relatively low levels of production at factories, and that means not a whole lot of scrap is being generated," Stein says. "You have also had some weather issues here in the U.S., and that has

really slowed down the whole cycle." Helped by expectations of increased usage on a rebound from the worldwide recession, the contract on copper has gained 1.9 percent in 2010 after more than doubling in 2009. Demand for scrap is strong, especially from China, the world's biggest copper user, Stein says. "Hopefully the cycle of consumption takes hold on a more sustainable basis and it does turn out to be a good nonferrous year," he says.

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### What You Need to Know

State law requires that used oils be collected, stored and disposed of properly. Used oil from vehicle use usually contains contaminants such as lead, other heavy metals, and benzene. It can contaminate drinking water and is harmful to the environment. For these reasons, it is important to make sure used oil does not reach the ground or surface water.

Used oil is not inherently hazardous, but if it contains certain additives, or if it has become contaminated with other solvents, it can fall under the hazardous waste rules.

You can avoid the burden of treating used oil as a hazardous waste:

- If you do not contaminate it with other fluids, and
- If you handle and store it properly, and send it to an approved used oil processor by a certified transporter.

This fact sheet will tell you what you need to do to avoid problems with used oil.

### **Regulations**

EPA views used oil as a marketable product that can be sent off-site for recycling. However, EPA also recognizes that if used oil is not properly handled, it can cause significant environmental damage. For these reasons, used oil has special rules that don't apply to some other materials. These rules deal with the storage of oil, cleanup of spills and transport of oil off-site.

In the state of Minnesota, used oil is not regulated as a hazardous waste if it is recycled or burned as a fuel. This means that your used oil, if not mixed or contaminated with hazardous waste, can be managed under the used oil regulations (see link below). Some examples of used oil include used engine oil, lubricating oil, brake fluid, gear oil, transmission fluid and hydraulic fluid.

If hazardous wastes have been mixed with used oils, the entire mixture is considered a hazardous waste. Hazardous wastes **cannot** be offered to used-oil collectors for recycling. Refer to the fact sheet Oil, Used, and Related Wastes: Management for Generators

Uses of Used Oil. Used oil may be recycled



by: 1) filtering and reusing it on site in personal vehicles; 2) recovering and eventual re-refining by an oil hauler or fuel marketer; or 3) burning in an approved on-site heating unit.

- 1) **Reuse:** Used oil can be reused in vehicles if it has been filtered to remove metal particles and other contaminants.
- 2) **Hauling:** Used oil can be removed from the facility (for recycling) by a licensed used-oil hauler or marketer. (Keep receipts of all shipments of used oil.) If the used oil has not been mixed with a hazardous waste, a hazardous waste hauler or waste manifest is not required. See list of Used Oil Haulers under "Other Relevant Resources."
- 3) **Burning on site:** Used oil can be burned on site in a space heater designed for that purpose. The heater must only burn used oil generated at the facility or accepted directly from "do-it-yourself" oil changers. Used oil generated by another business may not be burned at the facility unless it has been tested and found to meet regulatory standards. Refer to the fact sheet MPCA Used Oil/Filters/Sorbents Audit Checklist.

The space heater requirements for burning used oil are: 1) The space heater must be rated at less than 500,000 BTU's per hour; and 2) The space heater must be vented outside.

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- Do not discharge used oil to sewers, drainage ditches, septic tanks, or streams.
- Do not dispose of used oil in landfills or mix used oil with wastes that will be disposed of in landfills.
- Do not mix used oil with gasoline or cleaning solvents. The resulting mixture may be a hazardous waste. This classification brings into effect a lot of additional regulations.
- Do not use used oil for road oiling, dust control, weed control or for similar purposes.

**Storage of Used Oil.** Used oil must be stored in tanks or containers (including DOT approved drums) that are in good condition. This means:

- No severe rusting;
- No bulging or major dents; and
- No visible leaks.

Many of the used oil regulations relate to good housekeeping practices. As a used oil generator, you must:

- Label all storage containers or tanks with the words "Used Oil;"
- Store used oil in containers or tanks in good condition;
- If there is a leak of used oil: stop the leak, contain it, clean it up and properly manage the cleanup materials;
- Use a transporter with an EPA identification number to ship used oil off-site.

\*Recycle used oil on a regular basis to avoid accumulating more used oil than your spill containment area can handle. A secondary spill containment area, such as a curbed, impermeable surface, must hold the volume of the largest tank stored on it. For instance, if you store four, 55 gallon drums of waste fluid on a curbed surface, the containment area must be capable of safely holding only 55 gallons of waste fluid, not 220 gallons.

**Used Oil Spill Prevention.** If you handle oil or oil products at your facility, are required to be prepared and prevent spills from occurring to pro-

tect land, waters, or air of the state and to protect the public's safety or health. These regulations require that companies prevent and contain discharges of oil or petroleum products. Refer to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Fact Sheet -Spill Prevention & Planning.

**Oil Spills.** If a spill occurs, you must perform the following cleanup steps:

- 1. Stop the release;
- 2. Contain the released used oil;
- 3. Clean up and properly manage the released used oil and other materials; and
- 4. If necessary, repair or replace any leaking used oil storage containers or tanks prior to returning them to service.
- 5. Notify the State Duty Officer at 651-649-5451 or 1-800-422-0798.

**Links to the Regulations.** Use the following links to view the regulations pertaining to used oil storage and management. (*Links can be found at http://www.ecarcenter.org/mn/mn-usedoil.htm.*)

Minnesota Standards for Used Oil Generators Technical Standards And Corrective Action Requirements For Owners And Operators Of Underground Storage Tanks (UST), Code of Federal Regulations, 40 CFR Part 280

### **Self-Audit Checklist**

When an inspector comes to your facility, there are certain things he or she checks to see if you are in compliance with environmental regulations. It makes good sense for you to think ahead and perform a "self-audit" and catch and correct problems before they result in penalties. Also, there are some compliance incentives associated with self-audits (see Audit Policy Page).

Use the following list to audit your used oil storage areas and management procedures.

 Is used oil stored in drums, tanks or other containers that are in good condition? Open containers, and rusting or leaking containers cannot be used for oil storage.

- 2. Are used oil storage containers and tanks properly labeled? All used oil storage tanks must be labeled "Used Oil." If underground tanks are used, then the fill pipes should be labeled.
- **3.** Is the area around the used oil storage containers free of releases? Releases must be stopped and the released material cleaned up and managed properly. If a release of used oil occurs, it must be contained and reported to the MPCA.
- **4. Do you have a spill prevention plan?** Verify whether your facility is meeting spill prevention reqirements. If so, maintain your plan, update it every three years and keep on-site for review.
- **5.** Is used oil transported to a recovery facility by a certified transporter? Check your records and verify that all shipments of used oil were removed from your property by a state certified transporter.
- **6.** Is solvent or other materials mixed with used oil? Verify that there are separate, clearly labeled containers for each type of material, and that used oil is not mixed with solvents and other materials.

### **Best Management Practices (BMPs)**

Most regulations tell you what you have to do to be in compliance, but they don't explain how to do it. That's where "best management practices" come into play. BMPs are proven methods that



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help you to get into compliance and stay there. The following BMPs are recommended for used oil storage areas and management procedures.

- Train your employees on the proper methods for handling used oil.
- Do not contaminate used oil with even small amounts of gasoline, brake cleaner, carburetor cleaner, or other solvents. Even small amounts of solvents turn recyclable oil into a hazardous waste.
- Keep storage containers closed when not actively adding or removing material.
- When storing drums keep an aisle space between drums to allow for inspection for leaks and damage.
- Install secondary containment to prevent the release of used oil to the environment.
- Inspect containers and secondary containment structures on a weekly basis to be certain that they are in good condition. Keep written records of these inspections for at least 3 years.
- Try to prevent spills when dismantling vehicles. If spills do occur, clean up with rags. After wringing out the saturated rag into the used oil drum, you can have the rags laundered.
- Avoid using absorbents for oil spills unless there is a threat of the spill spreading to soil or water. Oily absorbents must be evaluated prior to disposal to determine whether they are hazardous or nonhazardous.
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- Before contracting a transporter for your used oil, make sure to check for the transporter's state certification.
- Get receipts for used oil shipments and store them in your records for at least 3 years.

### **Contacts**

For more information, contact the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Regional Office closest to you:

- 1. Northeast Region (Duluth) 218-723-4660.
- 2. North Central Region (Brainerd) 218-828-2492.
- 3. Northwest Region (Detroit Lakes) 218-847-1519.
- 4. Southwest Region (Marshall) 507-537-7146.
- 5. Southeast Region (Rochester) 507-285-7343.

\*Report petroleum and fuel spills of five or more gallons, and any other chemical spill (including lead-acid batteries) which may cause pollution, to the State Duty Officer at 651-649-5451 or 1-800-422-0798.

Related ECAR Fact Sheets

- 1. Used Oil Filters.
- 2. Hazardous Waste.

Other Relevant Resources

- 1. MPCA Used Oil/Filters/Sorbents Audit Checklist
- 2. Used Oil Sign (required for retailers/collection sites)

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