### Recovery of Container Glass At Material Recovery Facilities



Resource Management Companies

## Residential Single Stream Mixed Broken Glass

### Glass camouflaged by larger size material





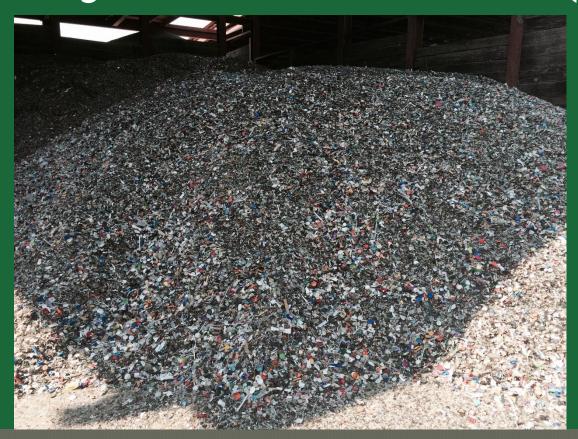


### Mixed Broken Glass Percentage

Mixed broken glass comprises approximately 15% - 20% of the total stream by weight.

#### Mixed Broken Glass Value

Low or negative value as raw material (3-mix)



## RMC's (negative) Experience with Mixed Broken Glass (prior to 2005)

- Only one market for 3-Mix Glass when two local markets merged.....tipping fee per ton increased shortly after
- Cost escalation to \$100k per month for 1 facility
- Inability of 3<sup>rd</sup> party to handle volume produced
  - On site backlog of 15,000 tons accumulated over a period of time

## RMC's (positive) Experience with Mixed Broken Glass (post 2005)

 Ability to market processed glass to multiple markets

No backlog of 3mix glass on site

 Relative higher market value when achieving economies of scale

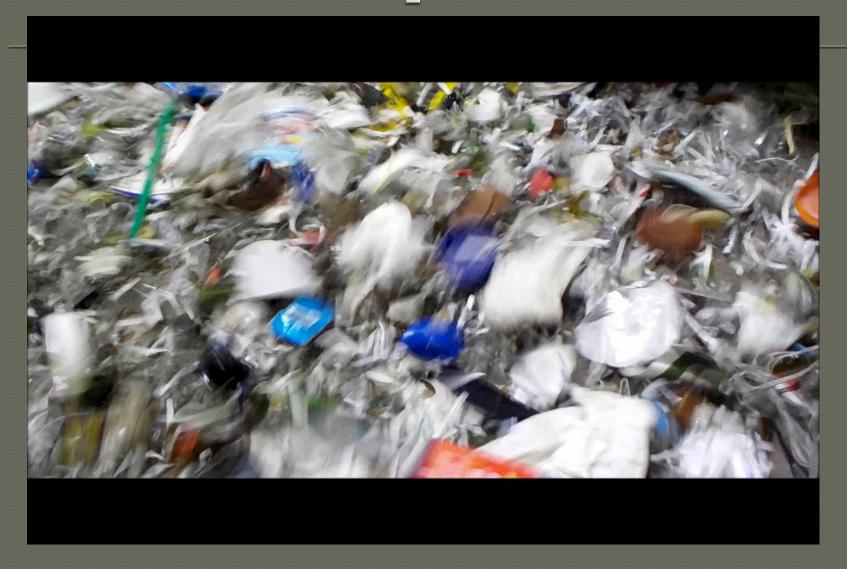
### Mixed Broken Glass Recovery

- 3-Mix delivered as recyclable
  - -\$15 to -\$20 per ton \*
  - \* Secondary Materials Pricing, March, 2016

Quality of 3-Mix dependent on MRF process

Distance to end market locations varies

## Shredded Paper With Glass



## Small Object Fraction With Glass



## Small Fraction With Exposed Glass



### Glass Presentation



### Glass Cascade



### **Current Markets for RMC Cullet**

## Furnace ready bottle cullet for sale to bottle plants



### Current Markets for RMC Cullet

Minus 12 mesh finely ground cullet for sale to insulation manufacturers



### **Current Markets for RMC Cullet**

Finely ground and screened cullet for sale to sandblast media distributors





# Processing Glass in a MRF Setting: Optical Sorting Challenges

#### Capital intensive

• Need high volume

### Costly to maintain

Glass is abrasive

#### Demanding specs

• Ceramics intolerance



# Processing Glass in a MRF Setting: Fine Grind Challenges

### Technically challenging

- Daily lab testing
- Low moisture, low LOI
  - Incoming is 15-20% organic
  - Product spec. is 1/5 of 1%

#### Resource Management Companies Certificate of Analysis 9/26/14

Supplier Name: Resource Management Companies

Name of Material: Mixed Bottle Cullet

Contact Name and Phone Number: Jonathan Tigchelaar

708-425-8565

Test Results (Physical): US Sieve No. Specification Actual

 +12:
 10.0% max. Cumulative
 0.13%

 +40:
 None
 59.63%

 +100:
 None
 90.09%

 +200:
 85.0% min. cumulative
 99.02%

 Moisture:
 50% maximum
 0.01%

Test Results (Contamination): Specification Actual

Total Organics: 0.15% maximum 0.14%

Purchase Specification

 Number:
 RB-360-02

 P.O. Number:
 \$16060-1

 Material Number:
 909556

Expiration Date of Material: N/A

# Processing Glass in a MRF Setting: Operating Cost Challenges

Energy intensive (Gas and Electricity)



### **Container Glass Recycling Sustainability**

Sustain mixed broken glass as a recyclable commodity & and develop regional solutions if possible.



