

February 5, 2020

Dr. Michelle Crimi
Clarkson University
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Potsdam, NY 13699

Re: Intent to participate in proposed research “Breaking the PFAS Cycle in Rural Communities”, **EPA FON:** EPA-G2020-ORD-B1, **Lead institution:** Clarkson University

Dear Dr. Crimi,

As the presidents of Wisconsin’s leading solid waste and recycling organizations, we are pleased to provide notice of our intent to participate as described in the research proposed in “Breaking the PFAS Cycle in Rural Communities,” submitted by Clarkson University to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The proposed work will develop evidence and research-based strategies and accompanying guidance to improve management and treatment of PFAS in rural communities and agricultural operations. The outcomes of the proposed work will be of high value to all three of our state-wide organizations. The Wisconsin solid waste and recycling industry, along with our partners in the wastewater treatment field, have taken a leading role in addressing the impacts of PFAS on the environment and our respective industries. As described in the proposal, we will co-facilitate educational workshops, focus groups, and outreach activities, participate in the design of survey instruments informed by the focus groups, assist in interpretation of data generated, and facilitate distribution of outputs and educational materials produced from the research activities. In return, the research outcomes will build capacity to better protect health and environmental quality in our rural communities, drinking water and wastewater treatment systems, and farms. We look forward to learning that your application has been favorably considered and assisting you in achieving the outcomes of this very important work.

Sincerely,

Meleesa Johnson, President
Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin

Gerard Neuser
President, Wisconsin Counties Solid
Waste Management Association

John Welch, President
Solid Waste Association of North
America-WI Badger Chapter

WISCONSIN SOLID WASTE PFAS COALITION



About us

The Wisconsin Solid Waste PFAS Coalition was formed in 2019 to educate and inform our industry members, lawmakers, and the public about the relationship between PFAS and our waste.

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