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Millennium Recycling Now Recycles Paper Cups

SIoux FALLS, SD – Roughly 600,000 tons of paper beverage cups are used each year in the United States, and far too much of this valuable material ends up in landfills. Today, material recovery facility Millennium Recycling, Inc. adds paper cups to its recycling list, thanks to a partnership with the Foodservice Packaging Institute.

“We are committed to giving our customers in Sioux Falls, Yankton, Huron, southwest Minnesota and beyond the opportunity to provide a new life for recycled cups – not just send them to the landfill,” said Shannon Dwire, president of Millennium Recycling.

Paper cups were once thought to be non-recyclable due to their plastic lining, which is added to insulate and prevent leaks. However, a growing number of mills recognize that these cups are a source of high-quality fiber and are recycling them into new products like tissue, boxes and pulp to make new cups.

Each year, Millennium Recycling processes about 50,000 tons of recyclables, such as plastic bottles, metal cans, glass jars, paper and cardboard. Cups and other paper items will be sent to mills including WestRock in St. Paul, Minnesota where they will be turned into 100% recycled paperboard for packaging such as cereal and tissue boxes. WestRock is one of over a dozen mills in the U.S. and Canada that have committed to recycling paper cups.

“At FPI, our work is ongoing with communities, recycling facilities and end markets to expand the opportunities to collect, process and recycle foodservice packaging,” said Lynn Dyer, FPI president. “Domestic markets for recovered materials are critical for successful recycling, and we congratulate Millennium Recycling and WestRock for playing a large role in getting more paper cups and paper take-out containers recycled.”

Millennium asks residents to please remove and place all lids, straws and stirrers in the trash and to only recycle clean and empty paper cups. Cup sleeves may be left on the cup. Paper take-out containers may also be recycled if clean and empty. For more information, visit MillenniumRecycling.com or call (605) 336-1744.

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ABOUT MILLENNIUM RECYCLING, INC.: Founded in 1999, Millennium Recycling, Inc. is a processor and broker of recyclable material and services a large portion of the Upper Midwest. Millennium is based in Sioux

Falls, South Dakota and recycles over 100 Million pounds of material per year. To find out more information, visit us at www.MillenniumRecycling.com or call us at (605) 336-1744.

ABOUT FPI: Founded in 1933, the Foodservice Packaging Institute is the trade association for the foodservice packaging industry in North America. FPI promotes the value and benefits of foodservice packaging and serves as the industry's leading authority to educate and influence stakeholders. Members include raw material and machinery suppliers, manufacturers, distributors and purchasers of foodservice packaging. For more information or to follow us on social media, visit www.FPI.org.