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**EPA’s Food Recovery Challenge:** Be an Endorser!
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35 Million Tons of Food Waste Disposed – 2011
Food is simply too good to waste!

• Costs US $165 billion annually.

• Contributes to 16% of domestic Methane emissions.

• Single largest and least recovered waste stream in the US.

(Sources: USDA, EPA. Photo Credit: Jonathan Bloom)
28% of the people receiving emergency food are children.
www.epa.gov/foodrecoverychallenge
EPA collaborates with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to reduce food waste – it’s called the US Food Waste Challenge. http://www.usda.gov/oce/foodwaste/
Why Endorsers?
What’s in it for Participants?

1 **Save money** – through reduced purchasing and disposal tipping fees
2 **Feed hungry people** in your community
3 **Protect** your environment
4 **Improve** your image!
5 **Free access** to online tracking software, Re-trac Connect
6 **Publicity** - participants listed on EPA website; annual awards event; case studies, press releases
7 **Technical assistance** – regular webinars like this one; access to FRC Help Line, 800-EPA-WISE; access to documents and tools online
EPA Tools & Resources:
Waste Audit Sheets, Calculators, Guides...

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What’s in it for Endorsers?

- Doing the Right Thing!!
- Align with EPA; Be a Leader
- Public Recognition – Awards, Other Publicity
- Free access to online waste tracking database
How to Join as an Endorser

- Go to www.epa.gov/foodrecoverychallenge and click ‘Join Now’.
- This will take you to the data management system, Re-trac Connect
- Or, just call the Help Line at 800-EPA-WISE
THANK YOU!!

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