

# **EPA Sustainable Materials Management Web Academy**



## **Effective Strategies for Reducing Contamination in Residential Recycling**

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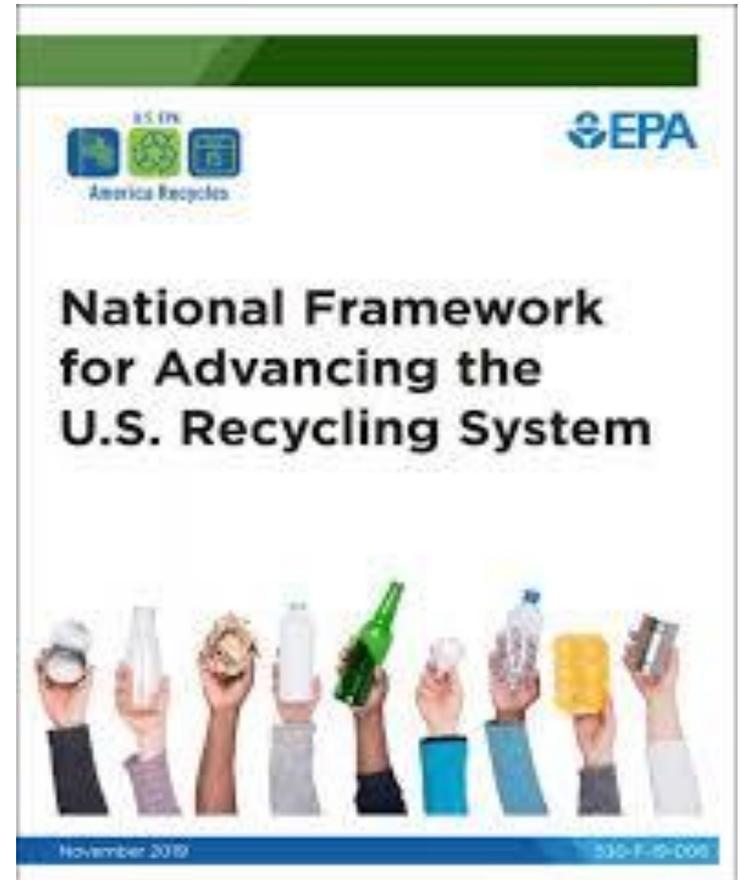
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# Draft National Recycling Strategy

Identifies strategic objectives and actions needed to create a stronger, more resilient, and cost-effective U.S. municipal solid waste recycling system. Objectives include:

- Reducing Contamination with the Recycling Stream
- Improve Infrastructure
- Market Development

The public comment period closed December 4<sup>th</sup> 2020. We are working on revising the strategy to incorporate public comments and the priorities of the incoming administration



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# National Recycling Goal

- At the America Recycles Summit in November 2020, EPA announced its national goal to reach a national recycling rate of 50% by 2030.
- Reducing contamination is a key performance indicator for measuring the goal's progress. Reducing contamination in the recycling stream will enable more material to be recycled and can result in less material being discarded and higher quality recycled materials produced for manufacturing feedstock.
- The 30-day public comment period closed in October 2020. EPA will consider recycled commodity contamination as one of the indicators to gauge the performance of the recycling system.



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# Question and Answer Session

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