



Multi-State Meeting – Summer 2017

Southwest Protective League Activity

Missouri: Ripple Glass, a key supplier of recycled glass to the container and fiberglass industries, continued its efforts to increase collection of glass at cities and towns. This spring, the Kansas City, MO based company collected its one-billionth glass bottle for recycling. Ripple Glass oversees bin distribution, collection and has a dedicated glass-only processing facility with low residual rates. Currently, the company collects and recycles glass from six nearby states.

Texas: After recently removing glass containers from the city's single stream curbside recycling program last year, the City of Houston is now reconsidering a recycling collection bid from four waste hauling and recycling companies. Three of the four companies under consideration have proposed adding glass back to the single stream collection, in an effort to boost the amount of material collected, and provide an easier option for residents to recycle their glass bottles and jars.

GPI, along with O-I and Owens Corning, provided testimony on the importance of keeping glass in the curbside collection program, and are encouraged by the latest efforts by the City Council to reconsider its earlier decision.