REUSE

Rationale

The National Recycling Coalition (NRC), through adoption of its updated Definition of Recycling (2014), Zero Waste Resolution (2015), and Incineration Policy Statement (2016), has been systematically codifying its position on key elements of the hierarchy of waste management. Adopting a Definition of Reuse is consistent with NRC's Guiding Principles and provides further clarification on NRC's support for highest and best use and Sustainable Materials Management practices.

Whereas REUSE International has defined reuse as:

> "*The term "reuse" means to extend the life of a product, package or resource by either using it more than once with little to no processing (same or new function), repairing it so it can be used longer, and/or sharing, renting, selling or donating it to/with another party. This definition excludes materials used as a fuel substitute and those used for energy production (i.e. incineration).*"

Policy

The National Recycling Coalition supports reuse and recycling as the most preferred methods of Sustainable Materials Management (SMM), and,

- adopts the above Reuse International Definition of Reuse to clarify what Reuse means; and
- encourages its members, stakeholders, and other interested parties to adopt this definition of Reuse as well.

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Cross-reference: Definition of Recycling, Policy #40, Zero Waste, Policy #41 and Incineration, Policy #42