



## Recycling Reduces Landfill Greenhouse Gas Emissions



The forest products industry has a strong commitment to recycling, which reduces greenhouse gas emissions from discarded paper and wood products.

Recycling is an important component of the forest products industry's climate commitment. Recently, the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) announced a new paper recovery goal of 55 percent of all paper consumed in the United States by 2012. This objective represents an increase from the recovery goal of 50 percent set in 1995. The 55 percent goal represents an increase over today's paper recovery levels by the equivalent of 23 Empire State buildings annually filled with paper.

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AF&PA expects that achieving the recovery rate of 55 percent will lead to corresponding reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by reducing potential emissions from landfills. In 2002, a total of 47.6 million tons of paper were recovered for recycling. Over the past five years, more paper has been recovered for recycling than sent to landfills.

AF&PA is dedicated to 'Improving Tomorrow's Environment Today,' and one of the many ways that the paper industry safeguards our environment is through paper recycling. Through increased paper recovery, we can all ensure that citizens, municipalities, businesses, and the paper industry continue to be responsible stewards of our environment, strong participants in the American economy, and leaders in utilizing all available resources in the production of recycled content products.

- W. Henson Moore  
President & CEO, AF&PA

### Successful Partnerships



The paper industry continues to represent an outstanding success story in the progress of national recycling. Behind this success story is an effective and growing environmental partnership between the American people and the U.S. forest products industry. Additionally, integrated public-private sector partnerships with the EPA, Keep America Beautiful, CarrAmerica, and others are being formed to educate and encourage towns and cities, office buildings, schools and private citizens to recover more high-quality papers in their communities and workplaces. Recognition and encouragement of recycling efforts at all levels by the federal government and private industry increases public interest and participation in paper recovery programs. AF&PA member companies' commitment to recycling is an integral part of their efforts to improve our environment and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.