

## October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2 pm - Challenges and Solutions in Organics Management

### Speakers



**Jake Duame, Quality Control and Environmental Compliance Specialist, Specialized Environmental Technologies, Inc./The Mulch Store**

Jake Duame graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point in 2015, and oversees quality control and environmental compliance for SET. He also manages the sampling and testing programs for finished compost, coordinates with regional organics recycling stakeholders, and provides ongoing outreach and education to waste generators, haulers, and the public.

**Erin Longmore, Environmental & Compliance Tech, SMSC Organics Recycling Facility**

The SMSC Organics Recycling Facility is large scale, commercial composting facility in Shakopee, MN. The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) opened the Organics Recycling Facility to reflect the Dakota tradition of caring for the earth. Since opening in 2011, the ORF has diverted over 400,000 tons of material for composting. Last year, the facility sold over 50,000 CY of compost to residential and commercial customers. Erin Longmore, Environmental Compliance Technician for the facility, has worked with SMSC for 3 years. She monitors all aspects of the composting process, inspects and evaluates incoming material, works with haulers to reduce contamination, performs lab testing, and ensures outgoing product meets specifications.



**Bonnie Nord, Sustainability Specialist, Minnesota Waste Wise**

Bonnie joined Waste Wise in October 2018. Bonnie helps businesses in Washington and Ramsey Counties implement and improve recycling and organics programs.

Prior to Waste Wise, she worked at Second Harvest Heartland, one of the largest food banks in the US, and LeanPath, a food waste reduction company. There she worked in food waste prevention and re-allocation as well as advocating for clients to reduce waste and increase cost and energy savings. She graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with a BA in Environmental Studies, with a focus

on Economics.

Outside of work, Bonnie enjoys playing Ultimate Frisbee, walking her dog, baking and cooking.