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### NC WASTE TRADER MAKES A DIFFERENCE

RALEIGH— Businesses, industries, government agencies, institutions and economic developers have found homes for recyclable and reusable commodities for more than five years using NC WasteTrader, a free Web-based waste exchange operated by the N.C. Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance.

Since its launch in 2002, this waste exchange service has assisted companies in the diversion of recoverable materials from disposal by acting as a trading platform for companies seeking high-quality commodities with which to manufacture products.

Long-time users, such as Cathy Morelli of Aplix Inc. and Steve Stroud of Rutherford Sales and Trading Inc. are among the many company executives reporting successful trades.

“On our last posting, there was a flurry of activity! I have gotten rid of two ocean containers worth of fabric trim scrap through NC WasteTrader,” reported Morelli.

“Our company has made numerous trades through this waste exchange,” said Stroud. Rutherford Sales and Trading Inc. purchased a truckload of pallets from a company in Wade, N.C., as a result of that company’s listing.

NC WasteTrader goes far beyond spot market trades by creating some long-term trade relationships between companies. Some of those trades include:

- 180,000 pounds of carbon black traded annually
- 500,000 paperboard tubes traded annually
- 698,000 pounds of “chicken diapers” (absorbent pads for poultry) annually

More recent listings for “wanted materials” on NC WasteTrader include a variety of commodities such as:

- 20 tons of free diatomaceous earth, a natural insecticide
- 30 tons of carbide lime
- 20,000 lbs of nylon 6
- Truckloads of wooden pallets
- Truckload of black PET strapping
- 236 gallons of free Bantam duplicating fluid

NC WasteTrader is provided online as a free service of DPPEA. The home page of NC WasteTrader also features links to the DPPEA’s Recycling Markets Directory, NC BiomassTrader, the North Carolina Energy Office and links to other waste exchanges.

To use NC WasteTrader, login to [www.ncwastetrader.com](http://www.ncwastetrader.com). For more information, call Tom Rhodes at (919) 715-6516.

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