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STATE RELEASES RECYCLING JOBS STUDY

RALEIGH— North Carolina recycling businesses continue an upward growth trend according to a newly released study by the Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance's Recycling Business Assistance Center.

The study's major findings include:

- N.C. supports 14,490 private sector recycling-related jobs
- Private sector recycling jobs have increased 13.4 percent since 2003
- N.C. recycling businesses support an annual payroll of \$376,890,000
- Forty-five percent of recycling businesses surveyed anticipate creating more jobs over the next two years
- Thirty-nine percent of businesses surveyed report manufacturing a product using recycled materials
- Recycling businesses target a wide variety of recyclables for collection, processing or utilization in manufacturing; no single recycling commodity dominates the market

The study is a follow-up to previous studies conducted in 1994, 2000 and 2004. North Carolina-based recycling businesses listed in the state's free, online [Recycling Markets Directory](#) received an invitation to participate in the 2008 Recycling Business employment study update. Additional recycling employment data from the N.C. Employment Security Commission and Harris Infosource was included in the study for recycling-related businesses not listed in the Recycling Markets Directory.

A copy of the study can be found online at <http://www.p2pays.org/ref/46/45998.pdf>.

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