

Developing a Creative Solution to Avoid a Toxic Headache.

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The Scholle Corporation of College Park, Ga., is a major manufacturer of industrial inks. A principal chemical in the ink manufacturing process is nitrocellulose, which Scholle receives in large drums from a local vendor.

Prior to 2001, Scholle would return its empty drums to its vendor for reuse. However, in early 2001, the vendor notified Scholle that it would no longer accept returned drums. Soon, empty drums were piling up in the company's back yard at a rate of 20 to 50 drums per week. Its

incumbent waste hauler wouldn't take the drums because their chemical residue forced them to be classified as hazardous and flammable wastes.

Increasingly concerned, Scholle invited waste haulers from throughout the area to propose possible

solutions. In the end, it

was Waste Management that stepped forward with the most practical and innovative approach.

Waste Management proposed first triple-rinsing the drums to remove all contaminants, and then putting a pre-crusher on site to compress the drums to a thickness of just six inches to facilitate hauling to the Live Oak Landfill in Conley, Ga., some 20 miles away. No other waste hauler, including the company then serving Scholle, had even considered the on-site pre-crusher solution.

In late July 2001, Waste Management began processing and hauling Scholle Corporation's waste drums, to great success. Able to carry up to 100 crushed drums per load, it was able to maximize transportation efficiencies and thus save the customer considerable expense. At the Live Oak Landfill, each load was carefully manifested and its burial location identified so the materials could be extracted at any time should that be deemed necessary.

When waste problems start to pile up, it takes an innovative company to put them in their place.

From everyday collection to environmental protection, Think Green. Think Waste Management.



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