

Separation at source and landfill reclaimers

Discussions about separation at source and reclaimers typically focus on reclaimers who work in the streets. But reclaimers on landfills are deeply affected by S@S. The whole point of S@S is to prevent recyclables from going to landfills. As a result, landfill reclaimers have access to fewer and fewer materials. This is true regardless of whether separated recyclables are collected by private companies, cooperatives, or autonomous reclaimers.

- Landfill reclaimers need to be considered when S@S is planned and implemented.
- They should participate fully in discussions related to S@S.
- The potential effects for landfill reclaimers should be analysed with them and factored into decision-making.
- Landfill reclaimers should be included in new work opportunities, such as working at materials recovery facilities (MRFs).
- A social plan should be developed for landfill reclaimers, whose jobs are lost in the pursuit of broader environmental and economic goals. These social plans can include, but should not be limited to, training, provision of alternative work possibilities, meaningful assistance to secure a job, and financial compensation.

LINK TO: [PIECE ON SOCIAL PLANS AND LANDFILL RECLAIMERS](#)



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