

# About the Conference

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The Global Plastics Environmental Conference (GPEC) provides a forum for the diverse discussion of the environmental issues and opportunities in the plastic industry. With an increase in attendance of over 20% from the previous year, and representation from every continent, GPEC has established itself as the preeminent conference in this arena. Technical papers ranging from bio based polymers to the regulatory aspects, from marketing and business to reclamation and supply, the initiatives within the automotive and electronics industry, GPEC brings informative and timely papers on topics related to our environment. In addition, presentations are balanced between academia and industrial perspectives.

Keeping in line with the conference theme, “Environmental Sustainability and Recycling in Action”, a new feature added to the 2006 conference was a tour of the Mohawk PET recycling facility on Tuesday, February 28th. The state of the art facility transforms PET beverage containers into resin used in the manufacture of carpets for our homes and work places.

## Plenary Speakers

Our plenary speakers come with a unique functional perspective on today’s environmental challenges.

- **Ms. Samantha Phillips Fairchild** is Director of the Office of Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Region III office located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, which covers Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. She earned a B.S. in Political Science from Haverford College and a J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law. She is admitted to practice in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

- **Mr. William Carteaux** is president of The Society of Plastics Industry, Inc. and began his tenure as SPI President in March 2005. He has an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University and a BS from Purdue, where, in 1998, he was the first recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the University's Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department.