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Midwest Fiber Recycling continues MRF Modernization

Normal, IL – Recycling continues to be a growing trend in the United States as more residents are given the opportunity to participate in curbside programs. Material Recovery Facilities (MRF's) throughout the country are designed to process a variety of recyclable materials including: plastic bottles, tin cans, aluminum cans, cardboard, paper, and glass; giving items new product life and keeping materials out of landfills.

In 2011 Midwest Fiber Recycling built the first modern MRF in downstate Illinois. Since that time, the volume of recyclables processed by the MRF located at 422 S White Oak, Normal, Illinois has more than quadrupled. In 2022 the MRF processed more than 108 million pounds of single streamed recyclables primarily from residents throughout Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. Notably this includes Central Illinois cities of: Springfield, Decatur, Champaign, Danville, Galesburg, Bloomington, Normal, Urbana, Mattoon, Charleston, and many communities in-between.

Expecting continued growth Midwest Fiber is reinvesting in the MRF with the addition of robotic sorters manufactured by AMP Robotics in Colorado. Director of MRF operations Aaron Harmon stated "in late 2021 we put our first two robots to assist in quality control of our paper. This was kind of a proof of concept. After seeing great results we decided to make major investment and install four additional AMP robotic sorters that were started in January of 2023." He continued, "The robots are intended for high turnover positions in our operation. We expect they will help us improve safety, increase material recovery and reduce contamination through the operation."

Beginning operations from a small Decatur Warehouse in 1990, Midwest Fiber has recycling facilities in Bloomington/Normal, Peoria, Springfield, Decatur, Champaign/Urbana and Terre Haute IN.

Midwest Fiber Recycling is a locally owned, family business, with almost 150 employees specializing in the collection, processing, and marketing of recyclable commodities since 1990. It is Central Illinois' largest full-service recycler, processing almost 7 million pounds of materials every week! For questions or more information, please visit Midwest Fiber online at www.midwest-fiber.com, or call 309-452-0064.