

# MEMBER FOCUS

## COVANTA

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Located in Jamesville, NY, Covanta Onondaga is the region's leading Energy-from-Waste (EfW) facility. Business Manager Kathleen Carroll recently met with MACNY Member Focus to answer a few questions about Covanta.

### MACNY: WHAT DOES COVANTA DO?

**KC:** Covanta is a world leader in providing sustainable waste and energy solutions. Annually, Covanta's modern EfW facilities safely convert approximately 20 million tons of waste from municipalities and businesses into clean, renewable electricity to power one million homes and recycle approximately 500,000 tons of metal.

In addition, we have a vast network of treatment and recycling facilities which provide comprehensive industrial materials management services to companies seeking solutions to some of today's most complex environmental challenges.

### MACNY: WHERE ARE YOUR PRODUCTS OR SERVICES SOLD?

**KC:** Covanta has a fleet of more than 40 EfW facilities across the United States and Canada. Our Onondaga facility converts nearly 1,000 tons of post-recycled waste into 39 megawatts of clean, renewable energy that is sold to National Grid, and used to power 32,000 homes in Onondaga County.

Covanta Onondaga also provides Secured Destruction services for Central New York businesses who require the destruction of sensitive materials and/or are interested in a more sustainable and responsible form of disposal.

### MACNY: HOW IS YOUR BUSINESS DOING?

**KC:** We, like other waste businesses across New York State and the United States, have noticed an uptick in our waste volumes. Waste is a reliable indicator of the economy, as consumers typically buy more products and in turn, throw away more waste. This year, the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency (OCRRA), will be moving up towards the facility's New York State Department of Environmental Conservation permit limit of 361,250 tons. This is due partly from a change of an in-county recycling company bringing non-recyclable waste to OCRRA versus shipping it to an out-of-county landfill.

### MACNY: WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES YOU ENCOUNTER OPERATING IN NYS?

**KC:** Several challenges we encounter are excessive regulations and a lack of affordable and convenient transportation for residents to visit the facility.

### MACNY: TO WHAT DO YOU ATTRIBUTE YOUR COMPANY'S SUCCESS?

**KC:** The commitment of our staff which includes all levels of employees working to achieve a successful operating result each year and placing the safety of our fellow employees first.

### MACNY: WHY ARE YOU A MACNY MEMBER? WHAT SERVICE OR RESOURCE DO YOU MOST UTILIZE?

**KC:** We are a MACNY member because of the organization's reputation and active role within the community. What we utilize most as a MACNY member is requesting MACNY's support during our permit renewal processes over the years. In addition, MACNY's large member base will be especially helpful to us as we target a larger customer market for our Secured Destruction business.



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