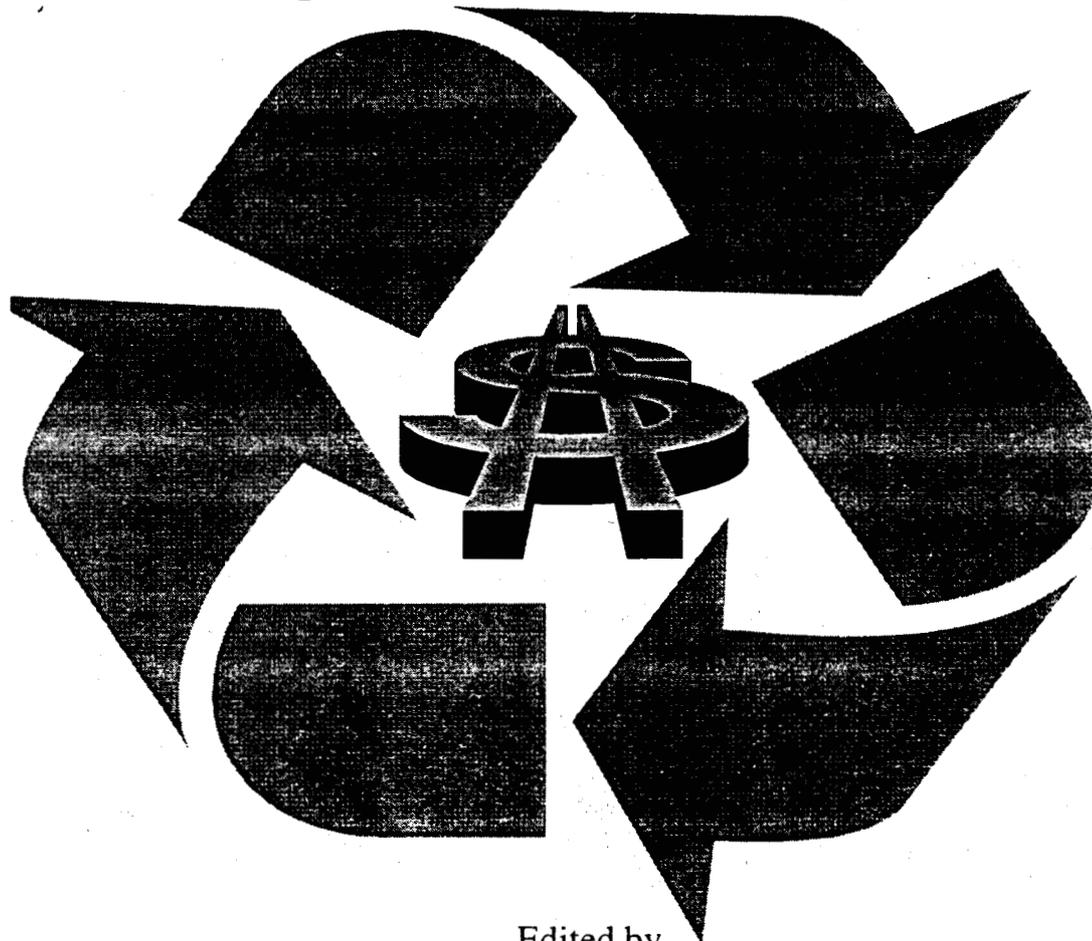


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PREFACE

The first "Composting in the Southeast - 1998" is a conference that grew out of the "Composting in the Carolinas" a biennial event last held in 1996 in Myrtle Beach , SC. The organizing committee found that there was a need for a forum to exchange the latest news in research and practices within the composting industry in the southeast. With the goal of fulfilling this need, a seven state committee was formed after the 1996 conference and this committee worked towards this 1998 conference in Athens, GA.

The growth of the composting industry will depend on the efficiency with which we exchange information on the successes and failures that we see in day to day practices within the industry. Important issues include improving current processes to reduce costs and odors and improve product quality, special processing related to industrial and agricultural wastes and compost product utilization in traditional areas and exploration of new areas.

I have found these topics and specific papers to be of value in brining me up to date with the current state of the art within the Southeast. These papers are written so facility managers, waste management professionals and operators can gain from the experience of others. I thank each author for their contribution to this proceedings. The conference planning committee thanks those who provided support and encouragement by attending the conference.

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