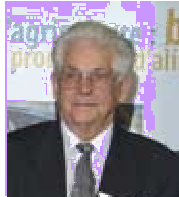




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Janice is the Air Quality Program Coordinator for the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS). The RDOS is a mixture of rural and urban communities, home to orchards, ground crops, greenhouses, ranches and vineyards. The RDOS Air Quality and Solid Waste Divisions work together and are committed to the elimination of burning agricultural plastics through the provision of environmentally sound disposal options. Janice develops programs and educational materials that engage individual action toward achieving the RDOS air quality mandate: "Air quality in the RDOS will be safeguarded and improved to consistently protect and promote human and environmental health and enhance economic development".



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Jill Ackerman is the Project Manager for the Vancouver Island Twine and Agricultural Plastic Recycling Pilot. Jill works with the Comox Valley Therapeutic Riding Society, the Comox Valley Farmers Institute, and cooperators from the agriculture industry, agribusiness sector and the recycling industry to promote agricultural plastic recycling on Vancouver Island. Jill spearheaded the plastic recycling on Vancouver Island and began a pilot project in June 2007. Jill is headquartered in Courtenay, the heart of the Comox Valley on Vancouver Island.



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