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## Response to Waste Dive Article: “With WISR, industry women now have a network to call their own.”

**Arlington, VA (May 25, 2017)** – Women are breaking down barriers in the waste and recycling industry and succeeding in positions at all levels. The National Waste & Recycling Association (NWRA) Women’s Council has dedicated its efforts to advancing opportunities and providing support for these women as they excel in every role from driver to c-level executive. Therefore, we were pleased to see Waste Dive bring attention to WISR’s work. At the same, we regret that you did not speak to the 14 years of work that the NWRA Women’s Council has achieved in this same space. As you know, our organization not only leads professional development opportunities for women, we also pave the way for the future of women in our industry through our scholarship program. To date, the Women’s Council has awarded more than \$140,000 to individuals preparing to take on careers in our industry. Beyond our support for education and advancement in the industry, we also sponsor a number of events and activities that help women sharpen their skills and maximize their preparedness to rise to the top in an industry generally dominated by men.

We hope you will continue to shine a light on the rise of women in waste and recycling and that you will include in that coverage what we have been doing since 2003.

-Tammy Holtzman-Shields, President, NWRA Women’s Council

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