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*Biography
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Paul W. Rankin has been President of the Reusable Industrial Packaging Association since 1990. RIPA represents approximately 125 companies that recondition, manufacture and distribute industrial shipping containers, or which supply materials and expertise to these firms. Member companies annually recondition about 25 million steel drums; 4 – 6 million plastic drums; 5 – 8 million fiber drums; and, nearly 2.4 million intermediate bulk containers.

Mr. Rankin is actively involved in national and international legislative, standards-setting and regulatory activities. He has testified before U.S. Congressional Committees on numerous occasions, and regularly works with federal regulatory agencies on transportation, environmental and worker safety issues.

Mr. Rankin also serves as Chair of the International Confederation of Container Reconditioners, which represents the global industrial packaging reconditioning industry. He represents ICCR at the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods. Rankin is a member of the American National Standards Institute MH-2 Committee on Packaging, and has been a member of several delegations representing the U.S. before various ISO working groups and national standards development organizations. Mr. Rankin presently serves as Chair of the Interested Parties for Hazardous Materials Transportation.

Prior to joining RIPA, Mr. Rankin was President of the Dangerous Goods Advisory Council (DGAC), a Washington D.C.- based international education association representing over 150 shippers, carriers and packagers of hazardous materials. While serving as President, Mr. Rankin Chaired the Group's delegation to the UN Committee of Experts.

Rankin began his career as an aide to Senator Alan Cranston (D-CA), was Manager of State Affairs for the National Solid Wastes Association, and served for three years as Director of Government Programs for the National Association of Recycling Industries.

Mr. Rankin is editor of “Reusable Packaging,” has published dozens of articles on packaging, recycling and waste management policy, and has appeared as a guest on several national television programs.