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WHEN INVENTORY BECOMES A LIABILITY

As year-end approaches, manufacturers often take a closer look at obsolete raw materials, off-spec products, discontinued inventory, and finished goods that are no longer usable or saleable. Left unmanaged, these materials can occupy valuable floor space, create unnecessary disposal costs, and remain on the books longer than intended. Evaluating these materials before they become a larger operational challenge can uncover opportunities to recover value, reduce costs, and identify more productive end-of-life solutions.

DISPOSAL ISN'T THE ONLY CONSIDERATION

When obsolete, defective, recalled, or proprietary products need to be removed from circulation, the end-of-life decision involves more than simply clearing inventory. Manufacturers must also consider brand protection, regulatory requirements, liability, and the risk of products or proprietary materials entering unauthorized markets. A well-managed certified destruction program can address these concerns while also identifying opportunities to recover or beneficially reuse materials rather than relying solely on traditional disposal.



25,400 POUNDS SENT TO BENEFICIAL REUSE

Following the 2026 LOUPE Americas Expo in Chicago, 25,400 pounds of label matrix was diverted from disposal and directed toward beneficial reuse. The material was manufactured into Alternative Engineered Fuel (AEF), which was then used to replace coal in cement manufacturing.

The result demonstrates how challenging materials can be sent for beneficial reuse when the right solution is in place. Instead of being disposed of, the label matrix became an alternative fuel source, creating value from a material generally sent to landfill.

25,400 pounds = 12.7 tons, or equivalent to the weight of almost 9 standard cars



FALL IN NEW ENGLAND: WORTH THE DRIVE



October is a great time to explore New England, and there is plenty to see without traveling far from Cape Cod. Around Sandwich, take a fall walk through Shawme-Crowell State Forest, explore the trails and gardens at Heritage Museums & Gardens, or visit Green Briar Nature Center for a quieter seasonal outing.

For a day trip, head toward Plymouth, explore the cranberry country around Carver and Wareham, or travel farther west to the Berkshires for classic New England foliage, hiking, and small towns.

If you have a full weekend, Vermont's Route 100 and New Hampshire's Kancamagus Highway are among the region's most iconic fall drives.