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Identifying the Sources and Scale of Plastic in Compost Derived from Household and Commercial Food Waste in Ireland

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Percy Foster, Managing Director, Foster Environmental Limited, along with colleagues, Tony Breton (Tony Breton Consulting) and Eoin Bird spearheaded this leading-edge research on the presence of physical contamination in Household and Commercial Food Waste Collection in Ireland.

As part of this project, 50 biowaste characterization studies were undertaken to identify contamination trends, with a specific focus on plastics.

The details of this initiative as well as observations & conclusions will form basis of this presentation.

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(Eastern Time)

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Percy Foster is an environmentalist and waste management professional and has been involved in the waste sector for over twenty years. He originally trained as an environmental scientist (B Sc Hons) and developed a passion for research while doing his Masters of Science.

Percy established Foster Environmental which provides consultancy, research, training and certification services. He has worked in Ireland, Europe and United Arab Emirates on various waste materials, waste tires & contaminated soils.

As CEO for Cré: Composting and Anaerobic Digestion Association of Ireland from 2006 to 2023, Percy coordinated and managed the activities of the association, representing the composting and anaerobic digestion industry at Government and European levels.

He is a former board member of the European Compost Network and CEO of a tire industry association.

Since 2023, he manages a waste compliance scheme licensed by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications.

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