

## Getting to 33% - Are We There Yet?

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## Inspired to Share Insights

- Linda McCormick                      Recycling  
Guru, UNM                              So much  
data it was hard to use
- Asked for help
- We worked to modify her data format
- At year-end:
  - “Data reporting was so much easier!”
- “How can I store data to make it easy to retrieve results?”

## Does this Apply to You?

- All programs can benefit from evaluating if data their data storage system is easy to use and provides what is needed
  - New – Need to decide how to best store information that will be reported
  - Existing – Can change how you store future data if this looks like an improvement

## Effective Data Storage

- Helps you see how much your recovery is improving as you
  - Implement new programs
  - Improve infrastructure
  - Increase awareness
- Results can be used to report program successes and correlate with the above efforts

## Where to Begin

- New program –
  - Data storage looks like this



## Example of Data Progression – University of New Mexico

- 2003 to 2005 Young program
  - Limited data hard to know how/what to store
- 2005 to 2009 Many materials and facilities
  - So much data - hard to retrieve stored by facility receiving material
  - Need Consistent information (QTY, Date)
- Fall 2009 Reformatted data into database

