

**Presenter Bio:**

Mike Ewall, Esq. is the founder and Executive Director of Energy Justice Network, a national U.S. nonprofit supporting communities to transition from polluting energy and waste facilities to clean energy and zero waste systems. His work has led to the defeat of dozens of waste incinerators and other proposed dirty energy and waste facilities around the nation. With over 30 years of experience with waste incineration issues, Ewall is a leading national expert on the topic. He has authored local and state clean air laws that have blocked proposed polluters and held existing ones accountable.

In 2003, he developed the Zero Waste Hierarchy that was the basis for the Zero Waste International Alliance standard. He sometimes serves as a zero waste consultant to local governments and communities and has been part of the consulting team that developed Montgomery County's Zero Waste Plan. With the backing of hundreds of groups, he is currently leading efforts to get the U.S. EPA to reverse its many pro-incinerator policies.

He is the principal author of the 2021 report, "Beyond Incineration: Best Waste Management Strategies for Montgomery County, Maryland," which documented that incineration is more than three times as damaging to health and the environment than landfilling.

An active member of Zero Waste Montgomery County, he is working to get the county to end incineration as soon as possible.