

## **2005 Pesticide Container Recycling and Unusable Pesticide Collection**

### Container recycling 2005

In 2005 the SDDA with the help of Cooperative Extension Service held major public container collections at 30 sites, over 20 days, in cities scattered throughout the state. Department personnel also conducted collections from retailers as necessary. Department staff were able to collect 63,808 plastic jugs under 5 gallons in size or 51,046 pounds. 905 plastic drums, 204 steel drums, and 115 shuttles. All plastic jugs were subsequently ground and shipped to Tri-Rinse Inc. Drums and shuttles have been prepared for shipping and are waiting for transportation to the recycling contractor sites. ([The Agricultural Recycling Council](#))

### Unusable Pesticide Collection 2005

In 2005 the SDDA received 64 registrations forms from throughout South Dakota; these were from retailers, producers, and citizens. These registrations totaled 21,580 pounds of unusable pesticide. Throughout the year Department of Agriculture staff made collection sweeps around the state which were quite successful and allowed us to limit major collections to two, Pierre on October 18th and Brookings October 20th. MSE Environmental handled the two major events and packaged all materials on site. MSE prepared and shipped 26,421 pounds of waste, 26,411 of which went for incineration and 10 pounds ( Mercury ) that was recyclable.