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Ric Erdheim is Senior Manager for Government Affairs at the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA). He represents electrical manufacturers on environmental, occupational health, and consumer product safety issues. He also serves as the Executive Director of the Thermostat Recycling Corporation, an organization formed by the major thermostat manufacturers to operate a wholesaler take back program for mercury switch thermostats. He is one of two US delegates to the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC's) Advisory Committee on Environmental Aspects that develops environmental policy for IEC committees. Vermont Governor Howard Deen appointed him to the Vermont Mercury Advisory Committee.

Before joining NEMA, Mr. Erdheim spent ten years as a Congressional aide, most of that time as Environmental Legislative Assistant to Senator Frank R. Lautenberg of New Jersey. Mr. Erdheim played a significant role in enactment of the ozone transport and air toxics provisions of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, the Pollution Prevention Act, the Ocean Dumping Ban Act, and the Mercury Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act. Mr. Erdheim started his career working eight years in the General Counsel's Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Mr. Erdheim graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a BA in Economics and the George Washington University Law School.