The recent demonstrations and riots across the United States have not materially affected C&D recyclers, even though their trucks drive through downtown areas, and their boxes are on jobsites in the path of the marches and looting. In addition, they have not seen any large amounts of additional tonnages from the disturbances, and the demonstrations, which can shut down major traffic intersections, hasn’t really affected picking up waste boxes because usually the drivers run their routes in the early morning. What still is affecting most of the C&D recyclers who participated in CDRA’s recent are construction slowdowns. If there was no slowdown, such as in Texas, there was no real let up in C&D material. Just now the last states, such as New York, are starting to allow full construction activities to resume. That hasn’t necessarily meant an increase in material into most companies’ recycling yards. Uncertainty about the economic future has put some projects on hold, and there have even been cancellations of future projects. Hence, the recyclers in general still do not have a clear crystal ball as to how the industry will be faring in six months.

Another number six they are focusing on, as in 6 feet, is social distancing in their plants. It remains a challenge, but recyclers are finding workarounds such as skipping a spot on the picking line.

Discussion came up about keeping the workplace clean, and one recycler reported he is using Vital Oxide, which claims to kill 99.9% of all germs and viruses. The inside of the companies’ trucks are sprayed with the liquid using a hand held, battery operated electrostatic sprayer. Here is the link to the product: https://vitaloxide.com/