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Rare-earth Stamp Contest

How many world-wide postage stamps can you identify that have a direct relationship to rare earth? *RIC News*, published by the Rare-earth Information Center (RIC) is holding this contest to celebrate its 25th anniversary. The person who identifies the most stamps will be offered the choice of receiving a book or a free year's subscription to the *RIC Insight*.

The stamps may feature a person who did some work on rare-earth materials, a rare earth containing material, the chemical symbol of a rare earth, a building in which research on or manufacturing of rare earths occurred or any other rare-earth related subject with the stipulation that the relationship to the rare earths must be clearly definable (e.g. a television screen, cracking catalyst unit or automobile would not be acceptable even though rare earths are used to make these items).

The contest ends September 17 (all entries must be postmarked by this date and received by October 1). The winner will be announced in the December 1, 1990, issue of the *RIC News*.

Stamps must be identified by the country of origin, date of issue, value and subject (and, when possible, the Scott catalog number). In case of a tie, the entry bearing the earliest postmark will be selected the winner. Employees of RIC are not eligible, and RIC will be the sole judge as to whether or not entries are valid and meet the criteria listed above.

Address entries and inquiries to the *RIC News* Stamp Contest, Rare-earth Information Center, Institute for Physical Research and Technology, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011-3020.

Wisconsin DNR Offers Recycling Information

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is offering its "Recycling Study Guide" free of charge to interested educators.

The guide includes an introduction to recycling, a glossary, resource listing, 19 planned activities and several ideas for activities teachers can prepare. The activities are geared toward students in grades 4-12 (varying according to complexity of ideas) and offer discovery-type learning experiences in subject areas such as landfill management, natural resources, product packaging and waste generation.

To receive this guide, contact the Recycling Coordinator, Bureau of Solid Waste Management, Wisconsin DNR, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707, ph. (608) 267-7565.

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