

## Notion abordée : L'idée de progrès

An interview with Kendra Doyel by Shelly De Vito

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# Renewable Energy

**Kendra:** My name is Kendra Doyel and I'm the Vice-President of Public Relations for Ralphs Grocery Company, a division of the Kroger Company, based in Los Angeles California.

**Shelly:** Ralphs is really making great efforts to help with energy renewal. Can you tell us about the process?

**Kendra:** Yes, it's a wonderful project that has been many years in the making, and we recently unveiled this system, which is basically a clean energy production system, that will convert food that can't be sold or donated into clean energy to help power one of our distribution centres, and essentially it's working with the concept of anaerobic digestion to take organic food waste and turn it into a renewable energy source, which supplies about 20% of the energy needs that we have on this existing campus. So it's been very well received and certainly has done a great job for us in its initial phases. As you know, when you're doing composting, it can only be organic material, so you have to separate anything out that's non-organic. What this system does is it's able to take all of the waste from our stores, so maybe even yoghurt in a... in a plastic container, it takes it into the system and pulverizes it, where you're able to separate out the inorganic versus the organic material. And so along... along with that process of kind of pulverization, there's heat that comes into it, and then just the organic material goes through the anaerobic digestion process.