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# Recycling Enforcement

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# CMMS: Excerpts

- To achieve the goal of 60% diversion of solid waste from disposal by 2024
  - The Statewide recycling rate must increase from the current rate of 35%
  - **A stronger program of State-Led Enforcement is necessary**



# Recent SWACs (2015/2014)

- Provided a Recycling - Statutory/Regulatory Overview
- Presented a developing enforcement case: Property Management Company - Htfd
  - NOV issued: Lack of source separation, more than an incidental amount of Designated Recyclable Items in trash containers or dumpsters.
  - Assessing need to escalate: Pending
    - Review response to NOV.
    - Prior history of noncompliance will impact assessment.



# Purpose of Today's Presentation

Brief overview of internal programs that will expand recycling enforcement efforts.

1. Multi-media enforcement coordination training
2. WEED: Business Recycling Field Survey



# Multi-media Enforcement Coordination Training

- Cross media communication and coordination was reviewed, assessed and enhanced over the previous months and completed in February 2016.
- Field personnel, enforcement analysts & engineers received cross media training from experts in each media.
- Training included:
  - Detailed Regulatory overview
  - Visuals of “What to Look For in the Field”
  - Recycling was covered in detail



# Multi-media Enforcement Coordination Training

Now, as DEEP Personnel enter the field, they will look to see:

1. Is the business lacking an established recycling program?
2. Is the business lacking more than one container at the “back of the building” to collect Designated Recyclable items separately from trash?
3. Is there more than an incidental amount of clean Designated Recyclable items in trash containers or dumpsters?



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# WEED: Business Recycling Field Survey

- Much More Intensive
- Performed by WEED field personnel during all Comprehensive Evaluation Inspections at the following hazardous waste facilities:
  - Large Quantity Generators
  - Some Small Quantity Generators
  - All Treatment Disposal Facilities; and
  - Other Discretionary Inspections.



# WEED: Business Recycling Field Survey

## Comprehensive checklist:

- All items covered by multi-media observations, plus the following:
  - Are there SW and Recycling contracts in place?
  - Identification of respective haulers utilized by the facility to pick up SW and recyclable items.
  - Does the company have a recycling or “green team”?



# WEED Business Recycling Field Survey

- Detailed information regarding generation/recycling rates for:
  - All designated recyclable items accepted in single stream recycling programs (cardboard, paper, newspaper, food containers, plastic containers...)
  - All designated recyclable items not accepted in single stream programs (scrap metal, batteries...)
  - Other items not accepted in single stream programs (paint, mattresses, fluorescent lamps...)



# Closing

- These two activities will certainly bring more trained eyes in the field and result in a more active recycling enforcement presence.
- DEEP will continue to assess further opportunities to create a more active recycling enforcement presence in the immediate future.



# DEEP Website

## Search Words:

- Recycling Laws (annotated list)
- Reduce Reuse (recycling main page)
- DEEP Hauler (recycling resources)
- SWAC (solid waste advisory committee – [agendas](#))
- Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy ([CMMS](#))



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# Questions?



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