

CTDEP Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee
Subcommittee Meeting – Meeting Notes from 5-22-07
Construction and Demolition Debris

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Stakeholders Present: Don Musial (Wheelabrator); Phil Armetta (Dainty Rubbish); Dave Bodendorf (CRRA); John Pizzimenti (F&G Realty); John Powers (ReConn Center).

DEP Staff Present: Stan Gormley; Ross Bunnell, Gagliardo.

- Discussed briefly where we left off on the meeting of May 18, 2007.
- John Powers discussed contacts at DECD – Bruce Parsens. He also mentioned that DECD is getting a new commissioner. John also mentioned the Office of Responsible Growth at OPM. Part of their mission is smart growth. Can this office be of any benefit to the goals of this subcommittee?
- Discussion centered mostly around landfill capacity.
 - Phil Armetta said that our siting / permitting requirements are far too restrictive and a barrier.
 - e.g. testing criteria is based on 100% failure of a lined system which some feel is unrealistic.
 - Ross Bunnell handed out Renovation and Demolition brochure aimed at property owners, architects, contractors, homeowners, etc.; also distributed the “Red Flag” List which covers things like asbestos, lead paint, safety issues, issues and others as well.
 - Brochure provides guidance on environmental, health, and safety requirements for C&D items such as treated wood, mercury switches, lamps, etc., spills, PCBs, etc.
 - Ross made the point that unless a lot of sorting takes place before C&D goes into a landfill, it can not be assumed that the C&D loads going into a landfill are “inert” as was suggested.
 - Point made that none of our current C&D landfills are lined.
- Discussion then moved to disaster debris management:
 - The Putnam ash landfill as some 6 million CY of capacity left. In an emergency, perhaps some of this capacity could be used for C&D, but we would need to consider the displaced ash. Need to consider more in-state capacity for these types of scenarios.
- By next meeting on June 15th, we want to have confirmed a waste characterization study will include C&D, talk to Diane about contact person from remediation and the solid waste group to discuss why the siting requirements for landfills is so strict.