

Subcommittee Meeting - Meeting Notes from 4-24-07
Solid Waste Statutes & Regulations Reforms

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Stakeholders Present: David Bauer, Hugo DelRosso, Derek Grasso, Lois Hagar, Bob Jacques, R. Stephen Lynch, John O'Rourke, Rick Papapietro, Jerry Tyminski

DEP Staff Present: Robert Isner, Lauren Kostiuk, Edith Pestana, Kiernan Wholean, Neal Williams

Others who have expressed interest, but could not make this meeting: Jane Warren, Gabrielle Frigon

Introductions: were not formally exchanged in the interest of time, please see attached list for complete contact information.

Overview: DEP provided copies of the "abstract from the Solid Waste Management Plan ("SWMP") amended December 2006" - (this document is available from the DEP website), and made brief introductory remarks identifying that much of the implementation of the SWMP will require regulatory & statutory reforms ranging from minor to major. This Subcommittee is asked to identify priority short-term (next 12-18 months) and long-term reforms. Examples include expanding the list of mandatory recyclables to include #1 & #2 plastics (short-term), and reassessing the enforcement structure for implementation of the SWMP, - what role should reside with local municipalities, receiving facilities, transporters, and DEP?

Discussion:

- DEP administrative procedures for permitting should be reevaluated, especially the permit modification process. Empowering DEP staff with more authority to make decisions at the program level was offered as one example strategy.
- Beneficial Use Determination (BUD) process, does the state get enough back from the time invested into reuse approvals for tire chips and asphalt shingles?
- Reporting of data should be assessed to ensure time spent external and internal to DEP is justified based on data quality and usage.
- Subcommittee should focus first on source reduction efforts, starting with a focus on recycling is missing the major and fundamental issue. Work in the areas of Toxics in Packaging, the ability of the product to be recycled, and requiring all food and beverage container glass to be clear, were posed as examples.
- Assessment of commercial organics & what is needed to create a better infrastructure to collect and divert.
- Consideration for a Subcommittee on Market Development should be evaluated by the Advisory Committee at large.
- Absent from the stakeholders in this Subcommittee meeting was representation by the waste haulers, a sector integral in fully assessing the solid waste infrastructure.
- Future meeting schedule was tentatively set for the 4th Tuesday monthly from 1:00-3:00 so as to coincide with the afternoon of the regular SWMP Advisory Committee meetings. (This schedule was then superseded by the follow-up discussion in the Phoenix Auditorium, and the Subcommittee will now meet 10:30-12:00 on 4th Tuesday monthly.)

Next Steps: Identify others stakeholders who might be interested, and refine structure and work of the Subcommittee. DEP offers the following outline to work from:

- Define goals;
- Current conditions;
- Stakeholders
- Existing Barriers
- Existing opportunities
- Prioritization of issues to be address
- Timeframes
- Funding

Next Meeting: May 22, 2007

(Minutes prepared by Robert Isner)