

**RECYCLING FUND AND SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2011**

The September 15, 2011, meeting of the Recycling Fund and Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

The following members were present:

Tanya McCoy-Caretti, Chair
David Strong, Vice-Chair
Joyce Hatala
Ernie Larson
Edward Vogel
Bill Ehrman
Jim Close
John Frederick
Jerry Zona
Michele Nestor
Joe Reinhart
Charles Raabe
Mike Pavelek
Richard Fox for Sen. Yudichak's Office
Mark Brown for Rep. Hutchinson's Office

The following members were absent:

Al Wurth
Dennis Winters
Mark Pedersen
Kathleen Patnode

The following guests were present:

Lawrence Holley	DEP
Mike Texter	DEP
Paul Kish	First Energy/EPGA
Dan Snowden	PENNDOT
Sean Gimbel	DEP
Ken Reisinger	DEP
Sharon Trostle	DEP
Rick Schlauder	MSW Consultants
Sue Wilson	CAC
Ellen Montis	LCRMS
Megan Milford	Pugliese Associates
Patrick Daniels	Widener University
Scott Walters	DEP

CALL TO ORDER; INTRODUCTIONS; APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. Tanya McCoy-Caretti entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the January 13 meeting. Dave Strong made a motion to approve the minutes; they were seconded by Ed Vogel and the motion carried. John Frederick opened the floor for anyone who was interested in being the chair and vice-chair of the Committees. A motion was entertained and carried for the election of Tanya McCoy-Caretti as chair and Dave Strong as vice-chair.

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Larry Holley presented an overview of the expenditures and grants made in the prior fiscal year for recycling programs and then he presented the proposed spending plan for the coming fiscal year. Larry estimated \$10 to \$14 million would be available for FY 2012-2013 for Section 902 recycling grants. Additionally, in order to maximize the distribution of recycling funds available this year, municipalities awarded a 902 grant in the previous round will not be eligible for one in this round.

Larry indicated that the Department will be utilizing a glass market infrastructure grant program to stimulate the private sector getting more recycled glass collected and processed. The glass industry has expressed a strong desire to utilize more recycled content. Jerry Zona commented that public education is very important regarding glass so people know what type of glass can be and cannot be recycled.

Bill Ehrman asked if the Department is supporting another effort to pass a bottle bill. Larry confirmed that the Department is not supporting a bill. Michele commented that in other states where single stream is very prevalent, pilot programs were started where there were glass drop-offs, and it made economic sense because there was not as much glass in the stream as there used to be and it made a cleaner material. Ed Vogel indicated that the value of all the other commodities has risen except for glass.

The amount allotted for the Recycling Markets Center is \$700,000, same as last year. Dan Snowden reported on PennDot's status in recycling, and it is doing very well. Ed Vogel commended PennDot for coming to these meetings and reporting on their progress in recycling. John Frederick asked about recycling in the school districts. Larry said that every school district has a person assigned to be the recycling coordinator. Tanya expressed interest in hearing from DGS about their assessment of the Commonwealth's facilities that have active recycling programs and where they will develop recycling programs. Larry said that he will ask DGS to attend one of the future SWAC meetings.

Tanya entertained a motion to pass the Recycling Fund Spending Plan. A motion was made by Jerry Zona and seconded by Bill Ehrman. The Committee voted and the motion carried with one dissension. Larry spoke briefly on the Covered Device Recycling Act, which was passed last year. Beginning January 24, 2013, landfills and resource recovery facilities will be banned from accepting covered devices pursuant to the Covered Device Recycling Act.

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT PROPOSED MUNICIPAL WASTE REGULATIONS – CHAPTER 284, REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE

Steve Socash gave an overview of the proposed revisions to the Infectious and Chemotherapeutic Waste Regulations in Chapter 284. The proposed regulations replace the term “infectious waste” with “regulated medical waste” to be consistent with federal requirements and the requirements of other states. In the draft revisions, the labeling has been simplified to be consistent with other states by eliminating the need for waste haulers to maintain different labels for different jurisdictions. The draft proposed regulations would allow other wastes to be hauled in the same vehicle as regulated medical waste, thereby allowing the vehicle to be completely filled. The draft proposed regulations eliminate duplicative requirements that conflict with OSHA requirements, and clarify the authorization that allows medical wastes to be shipped under the U.S. Postal Service program and requirements for shipping medical waste. The time for temporary storage would be increased from 48 hours to 72 hours under a permit-by-rule. A definition for incineration would be added, and modifications would be made to the previous definition of “infectious waste” and related terms. The term “regulated medical waste aggregation point” would also be added and defined as a facility that accepts and aggregates for storage regulated medical waste collected only from other sites where the regulated medical waste is generated by the operator of the aggregate point.

Steve recommended, on behalf of the Department, that the Solid Waste Advisory Committee approve the draft proposed regulations for Regulated Medical Waste for EQB action. Tanya indicated that there was a motion on the floor to approve the amended regulatory package. The motion was seconded and carried.

HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITIES PLAN

Mike Texter provided an overview of the Hazardous Waste Facilities Plan. The 2011 Plan was updated to include 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2009 hazardous waste biennial report information. The Plan includes an inventory and evaluation of the sources of hazardous waste, an inventory of current hazardous waste practices, and a determination of future hazardous waste facility needs by evaluating the existing treatment and disposal facilities.

The primary sources of hazardous waste are product and by-product processing and air pollution control; and the primary types include organic and inorganic liquids. The quantity of hazardous waste generated in Pennsylvania has decreased from 2001 to 2009. Based on historical data, the Department concluded that the amount of hazardous waste generated in Pennsylvania is expected to continue to decline. In July 2009, the EPA determined that there is sufficient national capacity for hazardous waste treatment facilities. The Department is going back to the primary purpose of the plan, which is to determine whether existing hazardous waste management options are adequate and to issue a Certificate of Public Necessity, if needed. The conclusion of the Department is that existing hazardous waste management capacity is adequate and does not require issuance of a Certificate of Public Necessity.

The Department recommended that SWAC approve the draft Hazardous Waste Facilities Plan. Tanya entertained a motion to approve the Hazardous Waste Facilities Plan as presented. The motion was carried and granted.

PUBLIC COMMENT; NEW BUSINESS; ADJOURN

There was no new business or public comment; the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Patricia Stape
Recording Secretary