Re-TRAC Connect

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

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Purpose

- To meet requirements stipulated by Act 101 of 1988, Chapter 3, Section 303(f) and Section 304(f).

- Requires reporting to DEP of weight or volume of materials recycled by municipal / county programs.

- Municipality reports to county by Feb 15.

- County reports to DEP by April 1.

How is data collected?

- Varies widely from county to county.
- Standardized forms on PROP website.
- County Recycling Coordinator (CRC) sends forms to municipalities.
- Municipalities sends out forms to haulers, vendors, industries, etc.
- Entities return forms to municipality.
- Municipalities send to CRC - reviews
- CRC enters data into ReTRAC

Who has Access to Re-TRAC?

- DEP Administrators

- DEP Regional Recycling Coordinators

- County Recycling Coordinators (CRC)

- DEP Management Techs

- Other interested state employees

- Interested parties

Implementation Timeline

- Worked with PROP's Data Management Committee for initial design - completed Dec 2013.

- Beta-testing by 5 counties completed Jan 2014.

- Recommendations processed by early May 2014.

- Transfer of data May 1st.

- Training for users May to October.

How was system developed to meet PA's needs?

- Adjusted materials to meet users' needs.

- Included ability to report "verifiable" data for 904 Performance Grants.

- Added Environmental Equivalencies, a Diversion Rate Report & Total Tons Analysis.

- Customized Demographics for Act 83.

- Customized Curbside Program data.

Benefits to Counties/Municipalities?

- Keeps a record of type and amounts of recycled materials.

- Reduces time to assemble and analyze data.

- Reduces time to produce customized & automated reports.

- Frees time to perform other duties.

- Helps justify need for their position.

Benefits to State?

- Reduces time to assemble, analyze and use data.

- Can disseminate data faster when requested.

- Increases data's accuracy.

- Data validates the economic and environmental benefits of recycling.

Continuing Development

- 904 Performance Grant report.

- Adding a system to replace Ecoville.

- Testing of Podium.

- Download of dicentennial demographics.

- Adding additional customized reports.

- Post relevant studies.

- Provide continued training opportunities for data management.

Summary

- Meet requirements stipulated in Act 101.

- Keep a record of what and how much is recycled in PA.

- Improve accuracy of reporting.

- Enhance county recycling efforts.

- Coordinates and compares results between states in conjunction with EPA Measurement Program.