

WASTE & MATERIALS MANAGEMENT STUDY GROUP – Notes: June 23, 2016



Location: DNR Fitchburg Service Center, Gathering Waters Room

Member Attendance: Albee, Curry, Doverspike/SWANA, Johnson, Karwoski, Meyer Smith, Morgan, Nickodem/AROW, Salisbury,
 Welch/WCSWMA

DNR Staff Attendance: Carey, Coakley, Lamensky, Semrau, Wolbert

Subs/Guest Speakers: Erik Lietz representing SWANA for Chad Doverspike

Time/ Presenter	Topic	Follow-up/Notes
12:30 Meleesa Johnson	Welcome/ Approval of Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes from 4/14/16 were approved (vote: 8:0). Finalized notes can be found here on the WMM website.
12:45 Ann Coakley	DNR Updates	<p>DNR staffing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Semrau has started as the Waste Reduction and Diversion Coordinator. Jim Zellmer is now the Deputy Division Administrator to Pat Stevens for the water programs. The position of Deputy Bureau Director was an interim fill during the alignment process. It has not been decided if the position will be refilled. Ann and WMM supervisors are picking up the work on a case by case basis. Matt Matrise has started as the Southeast Region Supervisor in Waukesha. He was previously the Wetland In lieu Fee Coordinator for the DNR and has previous private sector supervisory experience. Cynthia Moore was the previous SE Region supervisor. She has transferred to South Central to fill Dennis Mack's retirement vacancy. Dan Werner has started as a new Waste Management Specialist in Fitchburg. Dan was previously a recycling specialist in the Waste Program and then took a position with the Air Program before returning to WMM. Dan Kroll has been hired as a new Waste Management Specialist in Green Bay. Dan is currently the Recycling Coordinator for Oconto County and will start with the DNR on July 25th. Phone interviews for an entry level engineer in Green Bay will be held the week of July 4th. Brad Wolbert will be retiring in August. Ann hopes to have the Section Chief position posted in July. Greg Tilkens, hydrogeologist in Green Bay, retired on June 22nd. The Program is down to 5 hydros and hopes to fill Greg's position. The landfill hydros have been getting assistance from the mining hydro Zoe McManama since there are no active projects. The other two section chiefs in the WMM Bureau will also be retiring next year. Meleesa and Lynn, with group consensus, discussed the asset Brad is to the WMM Program by being the go-to person for questions and for being upfront and honest. <p>Rule Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NR 538 (Beneficial Use of Industrial Byproducts) continues TAC meetings and the rule update process.
12:50 Meleesa Johnson	Discussion of Meeting Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The question has been raised if the group wants to use Robert's Rules of Order or some other way of managing meetings and decisions made by the team. The framework for consensus building that Meleesa drafted will be attached to the group's charter (vote: 8:0). Moving forward, a majority vote will continue to be the policy of the group. A concerted effort will be made to

	 Waste Study Group Framework for Constr	not just obtain a majority of the votes but to consider all dissenting opinions and try to incorporate those concerns into the group’s decisions. Opinions that dissent from the group and the reasons why will be documented in the notes.
1:20 Group	Priority Topics  WMM study group priorities survey summ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey was completed by 9 of the 10 members and was not completed by the DNR. • In addition to the survey results the group will look at other groups managing the same issues, DNR opinion and ease of accomplishment. Keep in mind that the topics considered landfill topics are going to be overrepresented as high scores in the cross category adjusted scores because there were fewer options. • Glass management – Meleesa provided an overview of the work already being done by the AROW glass management task force. The task force’s goal is to work together with public and private industry from all areas of the state to make short and long term recommendations on ways to provide some relief to AROW members that are struggling to manage glass. The group will be presenting a draft recommendation to the AROW board on July 26th. The group has been doing great work, including market research and having tough conversations with the glass recycling industry. If approved by the AROW board, the work product will become a publicly available document. The task force is chaired by Rebecca Mattano of Waukesha County and Brian Jongetjes of John’s Disposal. • Recycling funding – John provided an overview of the Future of Wisconsin’s Recycling Development (FOWRD)’s work on evaluating the recycling grant funding since the process hasn’t changed since 1989 and the data used in the calculation is from 1999. The group is aware that any funding changes will create winners and losers and are trying to manage that concern. The group’s report will also include some information that demonstrates the inefficiencies of having so many RUs. Amber voiced concern on the ambiguity of describing a problem without a solution. She asked if it would be possible for the group to include a suite of options that may work for decreasing the number of RUs. The proposal will include scoring criteria that include factors like program success and continued improvement and then per capita distribution based on the scoring criteria. • DNR priorities – Ann described DNR priorities including a rewrite of the NR 500 chapters of Wis. Adm. Code, an evaluation of C&D landfill performance and regulations and DNR consistency. Ann explained DNR consistency is already a priority topic and that the Department has recently created a new training team, internal guidance on landfill inspections, smaller and more focused teams and has been having regular supervisor meetings specifically about improving consistency to help with this priority. John suggested ensuring that precedent setting decisions are shared in plan approvals and conditions are required evenly.
2:30 Group	Next Steps for Priority Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five topics were selected to be explored in greater detail at the next meeting. ➤ Each of these topics will have a written scope of the issue to Casey by Friday, July 22nd so that all scopes can be sent to WMM members by Tuesday, July 26th, two weeks prior to the August 9th meeting. • Each of these scopes will include a description of the topic, list of possible work efforts/solutions it would include and potential subgroup members (including non-WMM Study Group members). • Members putting together scopes are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Addressing concerns with C&D landfills and encouraging C&D recycling: John, Jason and Lynn ➤ Organics management: Meleesa and Andy ➤ Recycling funding: Amber and Lynn ➤ Discontinuing monitoring at closed landfills: Tom and Erik ➤ Alternative landfill caps, cover, construction materials and daily schedules: Chad, John, Tim and Alan • Glass management discussions will be on hold until the group can review the AROW glass task force recommendations

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving clarity on landfill siting near wetlands will be on hold until the group can review the guidance being drafted by Joe Lourigan and the Wetlands Program
3:00	Wrap-up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment Update: The current timeline includes roll out by the end of August. Ann doesn't expect a lot of changes for the WMM Program. Lynn asked about electronic or web-based program updates, and the group all stated the GEMS on the web is a poor operating system. Ann indicated that the department views IT improvements as a priority. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The DNR will present a summary of their efforts in plan review, code interpretation and inspection consistency for the August 9th meeting. ➤ Tom will send information on Iowa's electronic approvals program to Brad. ➤ Meleesa will send Brian Kalvelage's closed landfill presentation to John, Jason and Lynn. ➤ Meleesa will see if FOWRD can present at the August 9th meeting. ➤ If the AROW Board approves the glass recommendations, they will be shared before the August 9th meeting. ➤ The DNR will organize an overview of the landfill siting near wetlands guidance at the August 9th meeting. ➤ The DNR will provide an NR538 rule update progress report at a future meeting.