

AGENDA & NOTES
WASTE AND MATERIALS MANAGEMENT STUDY GROUP

Friday August 10, 2018

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Gathering Waters Room DNR Fitchburg Service Center
3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg

Member Attendees: Albee, Welch, Johnson, Doverspike, Karwoski, Morgan

9:30 am	Welcome	Meleesa/Chad
9:40	Agenda review and adjustments & review of notes from last meeting – APPROVED as is	Meleesa/Chad
9:45	DNR updates	Joe Van Rossum

Andy Nickodem resigned from Study Group, looking for new appointee from AROW, possibly someone from a RU?

Staffing:

- OFR Specialist recruitment – Dustin Sholly
- Recycling and Annual Reporting Specialist recruitment – Ariana Mankerian
- Regional Supervisor Recruitment – positions currently posted and will close on August 15. Goal is to have new supervisors on board by early August. Natasha Gwidt and Joe will be providing coverage.
- Hazardous Waste Specialist – CO – to work on guidance, publications and rule-making – in final stage of the recruitment process.

Programs:

- Hazardous Waste Rule package – generator improvement, definition of solid waste, e-manifest, CRT rule, technical corrections → Group noted that the SW industry also wants to be notified of any changes in advance → Joe will ask HW Section Chief to join an upcoming meeting to discuss elements of the rule, in particular pharmaceutical details of the rule as known
- Recycling Excellence Awards nominations open until 8/30
- MRF Stakeholder meeting Wednesday 8/15 in Madison, GEF 2; getting comments so far related to mixed paper movement – DNR will try to talk with paper buyers before then
- Landfill RDD rule – comment period on economic analysis ran from 6/4-18 – no comments, next step will be public hearing 9/14 in Madison
- NR 538 – Beneficial use rule – Final Tech. Advisory Committee meeting will be September 18th. The draft version of the rule was shared with the TAC this week. Next step is the economic impact analysis comparing proposed rule to existing conditions.

- Solid Waste Interested Parties (SWIP) meeting scheduled for October 30th and will be in Madison – agenda will be forth-coming, send topic suggestions to Casey Lamensky or Joe Van Rossum

Budget:

- Closing out FY18; No budget initiatives will be moving forward from the waste program for 2020-21 biennium
- Hazardous waste federal grant (base funding for haz waste program) is shifting from a one-year grant to a four-year grant and workplan, but can make adjustments within the 4-year timeframe

→ Budget development cycle/process: programs within DNR past the time to make budget initiatives; if a program had one it is at division level discussion now. Typically DOA releases statewide budget items in January. DNR proposals go to Natural Resources Board in September or October meeting.

Guidance documents:

- Shingle Processing facilities – Final version should be ready soon for 21-day comment period
- Infectious waste processors – stakeholder meeting will be planned
- Alternative Glass Use Options for MRFs and Managing Container Glass -Incorporating comments
- Reducing and terminating ground water monitoring – Final version should be ready soon for 21-day comment period
- Clean Soil guidance – RR staff are drafting response to comments and reaching out to select stakeholders for clarification.
- Delayed cap issue brief discussion yesterday at WA Leadership Team – that group is ok with extending past current 2-year delayed capping. Valerie Joosten will be going back to the subgroup for details on reasons and goals and to add definitions. → phasing, organic stability, closure, etc.
- Question from meeting attendee on whether there are changes in the works to NR 500? RDD rule active now, next would be CCR rule to incorporate federal rules – we can accept fed rule whole or in part. Longer term goals to possibly make changes to 500 series, but need to strategize and figure out timelines/portions of code to cover. Nothing else at this time.

10:00

Updates from subgroups

Construction and demolition waste

Alan/Bart/John

Recycling innovation

Amber/Lynn/Meleesa

Food and organics residuals reduction management

Meleesa/Bart

C&D: Meeting next week, no update at this time. Broken into two groups: diversion and landfilling rules. Rules group close to recommendations for rule changes. August 29 9:00 is

next meeting for C&D diversion group. (Reminder: all subgroup meetings posted at Study Group website)

Recycling: Group still in holding pattern. Too broad of a scope to tackle? Large universe of potential changes and consequences. 1999 grant formula is tough to amend, need additional funds and incentives? Difficult time to request new funds for recycling in state budget, and there would be winners and losers in grant formula change. Propose transitional funding? → Meleesa will send out report to Group members from a related former effort in order to provide background information and to garner ideas to move forward.

FORMM: Have not met since last Study Group meeting date. (see last meeting's notes for info) Exploring ways to create infrastructure from the bottom up, such as home composting. Working with an AROW Organics Advisory committee as well.

10:45 Break

11:00 Program Priorities from the Department

Handout distributed, developed by DNR Recycling & Solid Waste Section and WA Leadership

The Group voted and re-organized based on their top priorities; they requested more information (1-2 paragraph elaboration and financial implications) to be provided before the next meeting about the priorities from DNR on the following:

1. Addressing closed landfills and long-term care: those without owners or where work is not being done; address lack of post closure care regulations for older landfills; and/or prepare plans for dealing with no more OFR or no longer an owner in place (Statutes, code, and guidance)
2. Discuss expedited feasibility or siting for vertical-only expansions (Statutes? Code?)
3. Discuss how to delineate when a material is no longer a solid waste (Statutes, code, and/or policy)
4. Obtaining citation authority for open burning and illegal dumping (Statutes)
5. Address National Sword: mixed paper markets, material rejection by MRF/hauler, percent contamination that would allow disposal (information, policy); Code or statute updates to define landfill banned/recyclable materials
6. Market development program – Should this be a priority for the State? Research funding, other states' models, grant(s); for tires, drywall fines, treated wood, glass, shingles, etc. (Statutes?, budget priority)
7. Education and outreach focus – how best can we educate communities and the public on solid waste, landfills, and recycling? What technology can we use? Example: Recycling app sorted by RU that tells you what can be recycled in your community.

11:20 Discussion of DNR and Study Group priority topics

What inconsistencies or problems could the Study Group help address?

What priorities overlap between DNR and the Study Group?

What is the framework to address priorities?

A few respondents sent in priority ideas to chairs before the meeting. The list was share with other Group members but not the department.

→Suggested bringing ideas directly to DNR and discuss what the impact is, or hold a Group closed session, rather than send in a list over email. The group wants to review the list beforehand. Questions raised on how decisions are being made.

→Without site name or respondent name, organize the submittals and review them within the Group; keep region/are included though?

What's the best way to address if people are claiming there are inconsistencies? Are there patterns of similar issues? Is it scattered? What's the root cause of the inconsistency. That's what DNR would look at.

What's the goal? Consistency of approvals from site to site; understanding the rules of the game; when and how historical practices are revisited (retirements, etc., that may change staff ideas) Sites statewide should have a reasonable expectation that no matter who goes out to inspect the result would be same/similar (but we're human, so some difference is natural). Some underlying factors can breed inconsistency, but how can we fix it? Where is the best spot to take the first bite of an elephant? DNR needs that guidance from the Group on where to take the first bite.

Can the Group look at other states where it's rumored they have consistent processes for inspections? What electronic records can we easily search to compare sites when we have a question? (such as looking at 5 other sites in the State where this similar decision was made)

→look at Iowa? They have digitized records already.

Take examples of inconsistencies and discuss directly.

→Chad & Meleesa will request additional info with previous responders, get additional examples, and responders can withdraw comments if they don't want issue to be discussed at the next meeting. Will randomize the issues so no one is targeted.

12:30 Wrap-up and adjourn

Next Meeting: October 2, 2018 9:30-12:30 Marathon County Public Library-Wausau,
then December or January?

Try to schedule in early December, if not then push to January