

MEETING NOTES
Regional Solid Waste Plan Advisory Committee
***Solid Waste Haulers Stakeholders Meeting #2**

Date of Meeting: 6:30 PM, Wednesday, August 25, 2010
Meeting Location: Union County Government Center
155 North 15th Street, Lewisburg, PA
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Attendees: See Attached Sign In Sheet

Mike Goldman opened the meeting. He went around the room and verified that those in attendance were at a previous haulers meeting. He asked if anyone had any comments about the notes posted on the website. Ellen Montis made a correction to the notes prepared for the previous meeting.

Mike commented about Act 90 and the 17K lb rule. At the last meeting, we tabled the discussion and how it should be addressed in this plan. He did research and said the people who must comply with Act 90 have to do environmental compliance history and provide a list of their fleet and that's the main difference. Jack Pyers said he believes it's a dead issue. Mike Goldman reiterated it's a dead issue.

Mike Goldman asked the Committee for recommendations as to how we should delineate waste sheds. Mike told the group that we had an exercise to accomplish in this meeting. There were 12 people in the room – so he broke it up in 4 groups of 3. Mike showed everyone a map of the study area, the disposal facilities, and transfer stations and facilities within the market area of the study (Clinton County, Bradford County, White Pines, etc). The map also indicated major transportation routes. Mike explained that we were going to play “let's pretend you're a hauler”, you're looking at this map and you say you're serving this part of the study area, where would I take my waste?”. The assumption was that in terms of disposal fees, we assumed they are equally competitive. Mike handed out markers and maps for each group and showed a specific urban area on the map and explained that everyone needed to factor in if it's an urban area. Ron Miller asked why we're doing this. Dave Minnear stated that most plans that have been developed have been on a countywide basis. This plan is based on a 5-county region. We have to show that we have adequate capacity for the entire region. Terry commented that since this Committee represented the haulers, they would know the best efficiencies. Jack Pyers commented that everyone here hauls to Lycoming and asked what good this effort would accomplish. Kevin Witmer asked Jack Pyers to give the Team an opportunity to do this no matter how the haulers feel about it because, in his opinion, since the 5-counties are going forward with the plan and going to make it legitimate, the purpose is to take advantage of the hauler's knowledge of the region to aid in developing the plan.

Mike Goldman stated that he is just hypothetically looking at where similar collection issues are and where material would most logically be taken. Whether everything

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currently goes to Lycoming is irrelevant. If you were collecting in this area – based upon what you know about transportation – where would you take it is our question. Jack Pyers continued to disagree with the purpose of the exercise. Mike stated that it is his decision if he wants to participate or not participate and Jack said he did not want to participate.

Terry stated that we have 5 stakeholder groups and all 5 groups showed strong interest in recycling. If nothing else makes a difference, waste sheds could affect the recycling services. Terry reminded everyone that one of the recommendations of the plan is recycling. The groups worked on their maps. Mike Goldman put the markups on the wall and reviewed these hypothetical waste sheds with the group. Kevin McJunkin commented that he would create a map that had markups and show details as an attached illustrated summary of the hypothetical delineation. Mike stated that this is useful for us because the haulers know which way the trash flows. Mike reviewed the results of the map by commenting that it's pretty unanimous that (all else being equal for this exercise) waste generated West of Route 15 (somewhere between I-80 and 220) would go to the Clinton County landfill (shown on 3 maps). That delineates a waste area for us. Waste from eastern Lycoming would probably go to Lycoming County (part to the transfer station and most to the landfill). Mike continued by stating that one map shows all of Columbia and Montour going to Lycoming; one map shows it going to the transfer station, and the last map shows all of Columbia and most of Montour going to the Lycoming County landfill with a part of Montour going to the transfer station and another going to CES. The group stated unanimously that Union County would go to Lycoming. One group thought that western Union County would go to the Mifflin County Transfer station.

Mike asked if anyone had any comments on the assessment that was just made; no comments were made. Mike stated that his comments about the maps are a reflection of what he's seeing and he wants to make sure he's getting it right. No one made comments. Kevin McJunkin asked where the cut off would be to go to Clinton, the Transfer Station or Lycoming? Kevin Witmer stated that it's just a best guesstimate. Dave Minnear stated that as required we will be putting an advertisement out asking for interest of landfills for participation in the plan. We're required to do it based on Act 101. Dave asked if the haulers would take refuse to any facility other than what's showing on the map. If these are the only landfills that respond to our advertisement, will a hauler pop up saying there's someone else that they like to use as a landfill? Jesse Pyers asked if they could first see a list of who is not on the map? Mike asked if there are any comments or issues that need to be made; no one made any comments.

Terry Keene commented that at last night's municipal stakeholders meeting, there was a discussion about creating a list of recycling centers, information on compost sites, tire drop offs, etc. One good comment that was made would be to have a list of haulers in

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this region, counties they provide service in, phone numbers, etc., to give the public an opportunity to contact the haulers and get pricing. It might be a good idea to put it in the plan and include all the haulers in the 5-county region. Mike stated that the biggest purpose of the stakeholder meetings is to provide recommendations to the Steering Committee. They are the ones that say this is what the plan will look like. This Committee is responsible for giving input. Mike Goldman asked if there is any other kind of input that they feel should be forwarded as a recommendation to the Steering Committee or what else they would like to see in the plan. Jack Pyers said there's been a lot of talk about a lot of different things in this process so far...what are the bare bones requirements for this plan?; he feels the haulers need a specific list of individual requirements for the plan; he feels like he's stuck in the mud. Jack asked, for instance, how much recycling is required to complete the plan? He asked things like what has to be completed; what are the wish lists that need accomplished (but not necessarily in the plan); etc. Kevin Witmer stated that he agrees with Jack that there should be a bare bones discussion on what becomes the minimum of what is in a plan so you have a measured response on what needs to be there and go forward from there to tackle what's most important. Dave Minnear understood Jack's concerns and commented that he will go to the regulations and create a summary of what has to be in the plan. He will upload that to the website. Dave commented that there's a lot that has to be in the plan that doesn't have to do with the haulers at all. Terry stated that one of the reasons we do these types of meetings is to find out the concerns in certain areas, regions, groups, etc. Jack said that he wants to eliminate the feeling that he's spinning his wheels.

Mike summarized the issues that he felt this group wanted to advance to the Steering Committee for consideration:

- 1) waste shed delineation
- 2) list of haulers that serve communities
- 3) opening recycling to haulers

Jack Pyers feels this committee needs to have additional conversations to find out what's involved in order to enable haulers to recycle. This is an issue that was brought up but the haulers want to talk about it more to see if they want to support this as a group.

It was decided that we put together a questionnaire regarding recycling and its implications with the haulers and make this the subject of the next meeting. Kevin feels that discussions of recycling may be more of a venting, in his opinion. Mike stated that it would either result in a recommendation to the Steering Committee, create a gripe session; or become a definite no. Mike took a vote - all in favor of further discussions, the majority of the room raised their hands.

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Dave Minnear stated that for the last 15 years, DEP has been funding municipalities and they cannot continue this since the funding is drying up. Dave told everyone to think about the requirements associated with participating in recycling. The next meeting will be spent discussing it. Several comments were brought up about the private industry wanting to become more involved in recycling. Mike Goldman stated that this is a complex issue that will be discussed further at the next stakeholder meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Johnson
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