

MEETING NOTES
Regional Solid Waste Plan Advisory Committee
Steering Committee

Date of Meeting: 1:00 PM, Wednesday, February 22, 2012
Meeting Location: Columbia County, 702 Sawmill Road, Bloomsburg, PA
Meeting #: Steering Committee Meeting #6
Attendees: See attached Sign-In sheet

Counties Represented at Meeting: Union County
Lycoming County
Montour County
Columbia County

Stakeholders Represented at Mtg: Citizens
Recycling
Municipal

Not Represented: B&I Stakeholders
SW Haulers

Meeting began at 1:08 PM. Dave Minnear stated that there was not a formal agenda for this meeting, but that since the last meeting, the SOI responses evaluation had been completed, a summary and a table of the SOI responses had been created, the draft narrative had been finalized with comments received to-date, almost all of the information required for the appendices had been collected, and the figures were complete. Dave commented that this Draft version of the Plan will be submitted to the Counties and to the PADEP, after modifications to reflect comments from the Steering Committee and the Stakeholders Groups. Terry Keene said that once it is submitted to DEP in final draft, a 90-day public comment period begins. Then there is a public hearing in each county participating in this plan. After modification to reflect comments received during these reviews, it then goes to all of the municipalities and they have 90 days to ratify it. After that 90-day period, it is submitted to DEP, and Terry noted that the Consent Order deadline for the final plan to be submitted to DEP is December 2012.

Steve Tucker from LCRMS asked if the region had to wait the full 90-days if they accomplished everything early. Terry Keene responded that there's no way to reduce the 90 day process, and that there is a 6-month actual time frame and an additional 1-2 months to finalize. He stated that the draft plan needs to be complete and ready to go for public comment by March-April.

Kevin McJunkin stated that not everyone who was advised of this meeting is present so they will have the option of viewing the notes and the draft plan when it is emailed to the Stakeholder Groups. Kevin stated that Wednesday, February 29, 2012 is the final date for the initial Steering Committee review and to return comments. Dave Minnear said, with attachments, it is a large document so, once the Draft is ready, he will send an email to all Stakeholders that the plan and its attachments are uploaded on the website for their review. Everyone will then have until March 19, 2012 to get their comments back. See the following Schedule:

- 2/29/12 - final comments received from the Regional Steering Committee
- 3/05/12 - revisions complete and posted on website – DGM notify Stakeholder Groups that it is there for review/comment
- 3/19/12 - final comments received from Stakeholder Group members

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- 3/30/12 - revisions complete and Final Draft version submitted to DEP for comment 4/02/12 - 5 counties post notification of 90-day Public Review period (see Chapter 272.241 of Regs)
- Week of 6/04/12 - Public Meetings in all 5 Counties to present Plan
- 7/02/12 - final comments received from Public and DEP
- 7/18/12 - Final Plan presentation to Regional Steering Committee
- Week of 8/6/12 - Presentation of Final Plan to County Commissioners for Adoption (see Chapter 272.242 of Regs)
- 8/20/12 - submission of Adopted Plan to Municipalities for 90-day Ratification Period (within 10 days of County Adoption)
- 11/19/12 - receipt of Ratification paperwork and start of any necessary modifications (see Chapter 272.243 of Regs)
- 12/03/12 - Regional Steering Committee Meeting to authorize submission in Final form to PADEP (see Chapter 272.244 of Regs)
- 01/02/13 - Receipt of DEP Plan Approval (this should represent the start of the 12-month Plan Implementation Period)
- 01/01/14 - Submission of Final Implementation Documents to the PADEP at end of 12-month Plan Implementation Period

Jason Yorks suggested a mention of the "Covered Device Recycling Act" (House Bill 708), PA Act 108 of 2010 (known as the CDRA) in the Plan. Terry Keene said he could work with Dave Minnear to put a discussion of those requirements in the Plan. A series of facilities that are covered by the CDRA were discussed.

Terry Keene discussed the final review and recommendations regarding the solicitation of interest (memo and tables). Kevin McJunkin commented that Lycoming County is very interested in the results of the SOI and how it is going to affect the integrated waste program, however, Lycoming will not be participating in this discussion, to avoid the perception of a conflict of interest. It will be up to the remaining members of the Steering Committee to accept or not accept the recommendations.

Terry noted that the DEP had commented on the original version of the SOI, and it took about 6 months to prepare an SOI document that adequately complied with DEP's requirements. The SOI was subsequently advertised in three (3) local newspapers, the PA bulletin, and *Waste Age* Magazine. The original deadline for SOI Responses was November 4, 2011, and then there was a request for additional time, which extended the final response date to November 18, 2011. Submissions were received from 13 landfills and 4 transfer stations. Terry prepared a memo discussing the submissions, and Tables 1 and 2 provide a summary of the information provided, as detailed below:

- 4 Interstate Waste Services sites (Western Berks, Mostoller, Cumberland County and Sandy Run Landfills),
- the Lycoming County Resource Management Services Landfill,
- the Wayne Twp/Clinton County Landfill,
- 4 Waste Management sites (Alliance, Grand Central Sanitary, Mountain View Reclamation and Shade Landfills),
- 2 DeNaples facilities (Keystone Sanitary and Commonwealth Environmental Landfills),
- the Tunnel Hill Reclamation Landfill in Ohio.

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There were 4 transfer stations that responded. Two (2) are located in the 5-county region, and two (2) are in Northumberland County. Terry noted that Mifflin County had not responded, and it was discovered that they never received the notice. The Mifflin County TS is currently contracted to take collected material to a Waste Management Facility, but unfortunately not to one of the 4 that had been submitted by Waste Management. As per discussions with the SOI evaluation team; any sites that would like to be added to the plan, but had not submitted a response by the SOI deadline, need to wait until the plan is finalized. However, it was suggested that Terry contact the Mifflin Co TS to see if they would be willing to respond with their willingness to participate in the Plan, contingent on the future addition of their contracted landfill. Terry Keene asked how the Steering Committee feels about the 5-County Region contacting Mifflin County now based on this recommendation. Betsy Hack from Montour County, Bob Aungst from Columbia County, Bob Huntington from Union County, and Sam Pearson from the Citizen's Stakeholder Group agreed with Terry on the recommendation.

Terry commented that several items in the SOI responses were still outstanding (as summarized in the memo):

- The 4 IWS sites did not include a cover letter with their submission,
- Tunnel Hill landfill only included one copy instead of 7 copies, and did not indicate any deviations from the scope (left it blank),
- Tunnel Hill landfill also noted that they could not participate in some local recycling activities since they are in Ohio, but are willing to discuss methods where they could participate
- The 4 Waste Management sites and the Tunnel Hill landfill did not agree to commit for the entire 10 year Plan period (only 5 years). The other 8 sites agreed to a 10-year commitment. (The region needs to dispose 260K tons a year of municipal waste, and with the current commitments, the Region has 3-5 times the capacity needed. A table showing this breakdown will be included in the Narrative.

None of these issues were considered significant and the Review Team recommended waiving formalities such that these submissions could be accepted as being responsive.

Terry recommends that all 13 disposal facilities be included in the plan and asked for the group to give Terry approval that he can send them all a letter stating that they are included in the Plan. By all "in favor" agreement, Montour, Columbia, and Union Counties (including Sam Pearson, representing the Citizen's Group) all approved Terry to send the letter.

A variety of responses to the SOI request for support of the Integrated Waste Service were received, and meetings were held with Lycoming and Clinton counties to clarify their responses. Lycoming CRMS listed a number of ideas of what they are willing to do, changes, improvements, etc., giving haulers more flexibility, and becoming more involved in collection. Clinton County is willing to expand their efforts with equipment recycling, etc., and is willing to work with LCRMS to coordinate efforts. All 13 disposal sites agreed to donate disposal capacity at their sites for community-type projects for local areas (to try to eliminate illegal dump cleanup, etc). Interstate Waste Services is interested in providing drop off and waste services, illegal dump cleanup support, and is willing to talk. Waste Management is encouraging single stream recycling and pushing recyclables to their facility in York. DeNaples said they

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are willing to act as a backup system for landfill capacity. Tunnel Hill is willing to discuss alternatives, but they are located in Ohio, and their options for assistance will be limited. Terry feels that further defining the participation of each facility is a follow up item after the Plan is finalized, although the Plan should include a discussion of the recommended approach. Terry suggests that it becomes part of the next phase of the Plan. Other than the tons of free disposal capacity, other discussion items will probably not be included in the Landfill Capacity Agreements. The Region can't mandate that the facilities provide the integrated waste services but can encourage them. DEP guidelines say that the Agreements can include negotiated fees.

Jason Yorks commented that he's not sure what else the LCRMS can do that they are not already doing in order to negotiate support for the Region. Dave Minnear said that the SOI included a table listing all the things that were proposed for the Region, although Jason said that some of items on the list were unrealistic. Terry noted that the future Steering Committee will need to reexamine the cost estimates and see what they are based on, and what can realistically be addressed. New drop offs in the Region to help support enhanced recycling is a consideration. The implementing body will hopefully coordinate these programs, per Kevin McJunkin. The Plan is not trying to replace any existing programs, just supplementing and expanding what we have now. Dave said the biggest cost item on the list is HHW collections, and those were requested by all of the Stakeholder Groups.

Terry mentioned that one alternative used by some counties/municipalities was to include the costs associated with integrated waste management services as a monthly, quarterly or annual tax. Betsy Hack said she pays \$12 per year in her municipality to address various waste management issues and didn't feel that her neighbors would be willing to pay more. Bob Aungst from Columbia County said Bloomsburg's yearly charge is \$40, which is also a separate bill.

Sam asked if Terry or Dave had any additional information on the single stream Waste Management recycling in York, because there had been rumors that they were incinerating recyclables. Terry said that since it is a single stream facility, the volume of recyclables tends to increase, but there's a higher chance for contamination. Dave also noted that some people considering burning plastics in an incinerator to generate electricity as a form of recycling. The current Plan recommends increased source-separated recycling collection, and if single-stream recycling is considered, we have to understand that it will add some complications (like changing the processing methods at the Regional facilities). Jason noted that the Regional infrastructure puts out high quality bales of recyclables. As such, the value of the materials is higher in this Region. He toured the Waste Management facility in Philly and felt that the value is very low, due to contamination.

Sam commented that Lewisburg recently presented "The Story of Stuff", a video that discusses production and consumption patterns, intended to help citizens with choices they make to become a conscientious consumer in order to reduce waste. (<http://www.storyofstuff.org/movies-all/story-of-stuff/>) Sam felt that this video was the kind of thing that could help to raise awareness in the communities and improve recycling and waste reduction.

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Terry asked Dan Grove if he had any comments before the meeting adjourned. Dan was representing DMS, which is involved in waste collection and disposal in the 5 county area. Dan feels that they will become an even bigger player with the transfer station being currently developed. They want to work with the 5-county group to develop better ways to recycle. He said single stream is being pushed hard. He said 2 haulers in Schuylkill County opened a single stream facility and they are dealing with the glitches associated with contamination. He asked for a copy of the Plan to review, and Terry said once it is on the website, there shouldn't be a problem with him viewing it along with everyone else. Dave said he will provide him with the website, when available.

Meeting adjourned 2:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Johnson

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