

Electronics Ban Workgroup Meeting February 22, 2011

Meeting Notes Compiled by Nicole Hunter, SWMB
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Attendees:

Jerry Moore, Envirco Inc. / WV Waste Haulers Association
Sandy Rogers, WVDEP, REAP Recycling Section
Bill Lanham, City of Fayetteville / WV Municipal League
James Allen, Raleigh Co. SWA / WV Landfill Operators Association
Heather Smith, National Center of Electronics Recycling
Jason Linnell, National Center of Electronics Recycling
Bill Flenner, WV Public Service Commission
Steve Kaz, WV Public Service Commission
Ken Holliday, WV DEP Solid Waste Management Permitting Unit
Sudhir Patel, WV DEP Solid Waste Management Permitting Unit
Carol Daub, WV DEP Solid Waste Management Permitting Unit
Judy Archibald, Waste Management
Craig Arnold, Waste Management (conference call)
Jim Gebicki, Waste Management (conference call)
Greg Sayre, WV Waste Haulers & Recyclers Association
Kim Parsons, Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love Law Firm / Putnam Co. SWA
Norm Steenstra, Kanawha Co. SWA
John Christensen, Berkeley Co. SWA
Mark Holstine, Solid Waste Management Board
Carol Throckmorton, Solid Waste Management Board
Nicole Hunter, Solid Waste Management Board
Phil Mann, Solid Waste Management Board

Attendees were provided with:

- A copy of the Comprehensive Program to Provide for the Proper Handling of Covered Electronic Devices
- E-Waste Report from Larry Bradford, Nicholas County Solid Waste Authority as provided to the Solid Waste Management Board
- Solid Waste Management Board's landfill survey working document
- Notes compiled from the October 19, 2010 meeting
- Letter from the West Virginia Association of Waste Haulers & Recyclers

After introductions were made from each attendee, Carol Throckmorton gave a brief overview of what the Solid Waste Management Board has completed since the October meeting (Comprehensive Program handout).

Bill Flenner gave a brief review of what Mr. Bradford's E-Waste Report was regarding. Stated that during a meeting with Mr. Bradford, Dan Scott of Scott Recycling, staff from the Solid Waste Management Board, Steve Kaz and himself, that an agreement was made between Nicholas County Solid Waste Authority and Scott Recycling. Both parties agreed to enter into a two month pilot project in which e-waste items would be collected at the Nicholas County Landfill from the haulers and residents to compile information for a cost analysis study to be presented to the Solid Waste Management Board and the Public Service Commission.

There was discussion from some of the participants as to the length of time and amount of materials collected during the first month and a half since the ban.

Attendees questioned how the e-waste was to be classified in the event that the materials were damaged. Mark Holstine suggested that DEP look into addressing that issue in the upcoming rule regarding covered electronic devices.

Several members stated that they felt the manufacturers weren't doing enough to assist with the disposal of their items, either through the CED registration program or programs they offered themselves. Jason Linnell pointed to the new legislation passed by the State of North Carolina. North Carolina's program was patterned after West Virginia and Maryland but carried a higher fee structure than ours.

Greg Sayer passed out his letter from the West Virginia Association of Waste Haulers & Recyclers and gave a brief overview of each point enclosed within.

Carol called for closing thoughts from each attendee.

Ms. Throckmorton also posed the question of whether the stakeholder group should continue and if so, what direction we were to take to further this process along. Attendees were in agreement that the group should continue to work together in order keep things moving but should look at what programs were being offered on local (municipal) levels.

Suggested regrouping after legislative session for next meeting. Date to be announced later.