

Electronics Ban Workgroup Meeting
August 24, 2010

Meeting Notes Compiled by Nicole Hunter, SWMB
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Attendees:

Bridget Lambert, WV Retailers Association
Greg Sayre, WV Waste Haulers & Recyclers
Heather Smith, National Center of Electronics Recycling
Iasia Ward, National Center of Electronics Recycling
Senator Karen Facemyer, WV State Senate & Polymer Alliance Zone
Mike Daily, Public Service Commission
Bill Flenner, Public Service Commission
Carol Daub, WV DEP Solid Waste Management Unit
Sudhir Patel, WV DEP Solid Waste Management Unit
Ken Holliday, WV DEP Solid Waste Management Unit
James Allen, Raleigh County Solid Waste Authority & WV Landfill Managers Association
Judy Archibald, Waste Management
Dick Cooke, Solid Waste Management Board
Carol Throckmorton, Solid Waste Management Board
Paul Hayes, Solid Waste Management Board
Nicole Hunter, Solid Waste Management Board
Roger Frame, Association of West Virginia Solid Waste Authorities (By Conference Call)
Howard Coffield, Association of West Virginia Solid Waste Authorities (By Conference Call)

Dick Cooke gave a brief welcoming statement.

Attendees reviewed notes from the July meeting. Carol Throckmorton asked if there were any corrections or changes. Greg Sayre noted that information regarding Raleigh County Landfill's request for a rate increase and the PSC's denial pending receipt of more information was not included. Also noted, under Long Term Challenges, although there is consensus that no national standards exist for electronic recyclers simply collecting electronics the US EPA does have standards for exporters of electronics.

Jerry Moore, Envirco, Inc. & WV Waste Haulers & Recyclers, expressed concerns over the effective date of the ban in a phone conversation. In his absence Carol shared his concerns and the option of a possible moratorium on the ban date. Overall consensus from the group was that

it would not be a possibility since the 2011 Legislative Session doesn't start until after the effective date.

Other items and points discussed among the group were:

- PSC's bulky goods definitions, which presently includes electronics and TVs.
- How transfer stations/landfills might collect and store banned items separately from solid waste.
- Compiling existing data on amount of electronics currently being landfilled in WV.
- PSC is not currently giving any priority consideration to haulers requesting rate increases to collect electronics.
- The potential for items to be considered household hazardous waste if not collected properly by haulers.
- The uncertainty of per item costs associated with the handling of these items by haulers & landfills.
- The possibility of the SWMB working with the NCER to research potential electronics recyclers for haulers / landfills to use for long-term contractual collections. This information could be included on the web site.
- Freight issues and concerns for storage at landfills for long-term collection programs.
- Discussion of company certification, the costs associated with certifying and the effects on competitiveness. Questioned whether or not this would be help available for certification purposes.
- Nationwide retailers would like to see a blanket policy for electronics recycling programs. It was also noted that the majority of retailers don't have the space capacity to act as take back locations. Hazardous waste issues are also a concern.
- Public service announcements and newspaper/TV stories will be used to educate the public on the ban.
- Other forms of educational materials were discussed – handouts, signs at landfills, etc.

A demonstration on the e-cycling website being developed by Phil Mann was given to the group. The website will include information on the ban, resources and alternative presently available for recycling and contact information for grants and resources. The site is projected to go "live" around the end of October / first of November. The site will include a kids section.

As the program is developed drafts will be sent to stakeholders to review prior to posting.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 19th, at the DEP building in Charleston, WV.