

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)  
Meeting Summary  
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1. Welcome and introductions.  
Overview of agenda.  
Handouts:
  - Agenda
  - SWAC Legislation Tracking Table
  - Michigan E-waste Takeback Program Summary
  
2. Approve draft meeting summary.  
The January 9, 2009, meeting summary was approved. The DRAFT heading will be removed from the minutes on the Web site.
  
3. Standing Agenda Items
  - Fees/Budget – Gongwer, HB 4439 for fiscal year 2010; SB 303 varies on when in serious trouble depends on hits taking. Stimulus money and effect on division's budget. Either the fees will need to be back on the table or an increase in general fund.
  - Touched on planning/recycling measurement.
  - HB 4371 (old HB 4484 H-3) – our version Planning Lite likely to advance that. Covering county planning; definitions, improvements to the planning process; transfer stations exempt and subject to county plans.
  - Transfer station exemption – change to require they meet both criteria of 200 yd<sup>3</sup> and non mechanical compaction. As long as still considerable discretion on how counties handle, shouldn't be a big deal. DPW's, HHW events – language Mike Csapo referenced in Oakland County Plan. Necessitate plan updates to reflect language to address. Not change county plan consistency requirements. Distinction between private and municipal facilities. Disposal capacity guarantee removed. Just clarify what's being done now. Recognizes waste utilization to meet county needs. Plans identify goals of Policy. Let SWAC see language when it's ready.
  - Rulemaking on Open Burning – Request for Rulemaking approval and discussion on getting stakeholders work group letters out. Probably get moving this summer.
  - Compost/Inert rules status – kickoff March 16, 2009, subsequent meetings scheduled through June. Inert criteria – Part 201 levels of beneficial reuse and composting organics. Questions regarding current requirements for yard clippings mixing with other organics. Rules clarify and level the playing field. Promote doing and doing well.
  
4. New Items
  - Coal Ash Management – TVA (Tennessee facility) failure in December. Call for federal regulations on toxicity issue and do nationwide surveys. Right now regulations are on a state-by-state

basis and Michigan has low hazardous industry waste. Regulated as solid waste. 8 facilities and 4 impoundments in Michigan.

- Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – definition of solid waste and items being burned. Post comments on the Web site and also intend to email to the Scrap Tire Advisory Committee. Duane gave recycling rates 440,000 tons recycled. Higher levels of pollution control if designated as a solid waste “energy recovery.” Put the numbers on the list and don’t count the alternate daily cover as recycling. Rule in place in June.
- Subtitle C – final rule on hazardous waste recycling excludes hazardous waste being reclaimed from regulation. Legitimacy criteria-what is true recycling? A lot of it more self implementing and significant reduction in hazardous waste manifesting and attendant fees. Some may fall out of hazardous waste regulation and into solid waste regulation with county plan implications. Remove some of the public comment aspects. Still would be regulated by Hazardous Waste Program. Rule making process hasn’t been decided.
- Solid Waste Staff Account Legislative Report will be posted on the Web site.
- Licensing this year has gone up from average of 20 to 65 over the next two years. Limited resources. Going from a 2-year to a 5-year license. The license fees go into the Perpetual Care Fund account.
- E-waste law (Part 173) handout of registration forms and FAQ’s document. How many businesses? Estimated based upon other states, 75 to 150 manufacturers and 10 recyclers. Recycler’s principal component of business has to be doing some processing. Money goes into account to manage E-waste program. Label discussion with name because there are still a lot of E-waste questions. Dell has a takeback program, which sends computers to China. Also “free” programs are sending to China. Reporting requirements?
- Yard Clippings Composting – last year March 26<sup>th</sup> effective date. 106 registered (84 submitted annual report and 22 did not). 649,000 yd<sup>3</sup> removed from registered facilities and 1.3 million yd<sup>3</sup> at facilities. Conversion factor for compost comes in 7yd<sup>3</sup> = 1 ton and compaction goes out in 1 yd<sup>3</sup> = 1 ton. 15 still need to register.
- Operational Memos:
  - i. 115-2 – Advisory Analysis (working on)
  - ii. 115-8 – Consistency Determination
  - iii. 115-10 – Alternate Daily Cover (signed and sent)
  - iv. 115-20 – Waste Piles for Closure and Part 201 Criteria
  - v. Gen-13 – Yard Clippings as ADC (new Part 21 requirements)
  - vi.    ? – Financial Assurance Corrective Action (new guidelines)
- EPA Resource Conservation Challenge Program grant request for proposals. April 13, 2009, proposals due. Link on agenda to discuss on measurement committee to see if interested in pursuing;

private/public partnerships may be more apt to get money; and share opportunity with others.

5. Solid Waste Policy Discussion Topics
  - Utilization/Measurement Subcommittee
  - Matrix – collect data that may be out there already and then see where data gaps are to help determine utilization route to reach Policy goals. Update and send back out to staff?
  - RFP – get a better cost estimate and determine how to get it out there soon!
  - Presentation – amend and incorporate previous comments. Part of estimate measurement program. Hope to get it out to organizations soon but need money, which is why we need to pursue RFP. Need measurement system (primary goal of presentation). Look at broader issue of estimating recycling manufacturing capacity in Michigan. MRC – Recycling Summit – March 27<sup>th</sup>. Intend to talk about some of these issues and looking at priorities to help line them up. Great if the state could send someone. Validity in just tracking solid waste rather than recycling. Measure tons per person.
  
6. Next Meeting
  - Progress toward Policy implementation over the past year. Steps that could be taken toward an action plan. Discussion at next meeting.
  - Solid Waste Program Update.
  - Recommend areas that the committee can help to implement (action plan).
  - Add back to the agenda the Next Steps of SWAC implementing Policy.

**Next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2009. Future meeting dates for FY09 are: July 10, and September 11.**