

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
Meeting Summary
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1. Welcome and introductions.

Overview of agenda

Handouts:

- Agenda
- September 13, 2007, draft meeting summary
- Legislative Tracking Table
- Solid waste program update

George Bruchmann welcomed the participants and gave an overview of the current budget situation.

2. Approve draft meeting summary.

The September 13, 2007, meeting summary was approved. The DRAFT heading will be removed from the minutes on the Web site.

3. Standing Agenda Items.

a. Legislative Update: The Legislative Tracking Table was reviewed, highlighting the following bills:

HB's 4484 - 4486: provides recycling measurement and clarifies solid waste planning issues. The planning bills (HB 4485 and 4486) have passed through the House.

SB 513: Together with HB 5553 will set composting site standards. New drafts should be ready towards the end of the year.

SB 864: The bill which would allow yard clippings in landfills that produce energy was discussed. The committee had varying opinions. The next meeting will include a presentation on this topic by Tonia Olson from Granger. Staff was also asked to compile numbers on the amount of communities/residences that currently have compost collection.

Green Michigan Initiative (SB's 889 - 907): The package of bills range in topics from littering to recycling. SB's 903-906 add materials to the list of items prohibited in Michigan landfills. The committee agreed that an educational component should be included with landfill bans, as people may still dispose of prohibited items in their curbside collection that can then become contaminated. The effectiveness of landfill bans in Wisconsin and North Carolina were also discussed.

a. Report on Past Actions/Rulemaking

Compost and Inert Rules: A history of the compost and inert rules, provided in the solid waste update, was discussed. The Environmental Advisory Council recommendations referenced can be found here:

<http://www.deq.state.mi.us/documents/deq-whm-eac-FinalLandAppRecommendations.pdf>.

Compost and Inert Rules are currently circulating Solid Waste staff inside the DEQ. A stakeholder meeting will be held in the spring, around March. Committee members who expressed interest in participating in the stakeholder meeting are: Stephanie Glysson, Tonia Olson, Steve Essling, Susan Johnson, James Clift, James Frey, George Berghorn and it was recommended that the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries be contacted.

Solid Waste Update: The Solid Waste Update was reviewed. Committee would like to see it sent on a more regular basis. Staff will send out a monthly update.

Follow-up on Additional Members: New members present at the meeting as a result of suggestions made at the last meeting were: Tonia Olson, John Hawthorne, David Worthams, and Bill Lobenherz. George Berghorn representing the Michigan Forest Products Council was also present and expressed interest in becoming a member of the committee. Jim Frey will follow up with Greg Keolian from U of M before staff contacts additional university reps.

4. E-waste discussion: Transition from Analog to Digital TV's:

Doug Wood gave a presentation on an e-waste recycling event where 700 cars dropped off 5.5 semi trailers full of e-waste in 3 hours. The event was free, however a survey of some of the customers showed 229 of 262 people would pay for the service.

Lucy Doroshko provided an overview of the switch from analog to digital television signals that will take place February of 2009. According to the Michigan Association of Broadcasters approximately 600,000 households will be impacted. Various e-waste recycling programs were discussed such as Dell's take back program. Apple recently started an e-waste program and Sony has made a deal with Waste Management where consumers will be able to take Sony e-waste to various Waste Management facilities (which will soon be 175 locations across the country). The following link was made available for additional information

<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/digitaltv.pdf>

The committee discussed other states' e-waste programs such as

California, Minnesota and Maine. Wisconsin has recently introduced similar legislation to Minnesota that places the responsibility with the producer with minimal state oversight. The committee agreed they would like e-waste to be a topic in future meetings. The final report from the e-waste workgroup will be shared at the next meeting.

5. Governor's Executive Directive on Recycling: Lucy Doroshko provided an overview of the Governor's Executive Directive.
<http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-36898-180298--,00.html>
6. Solid Waste Policy Discussion Topic on Measurement and Utilization: Due to time constraints the committee agreed we should table this discussion until the next meeting.
7. Schedule next meetings

Next meetings tentatively scheduled for March 7, June 6 and September 12, 2008.

Next meeting agenda items:

- Yard clippings in landfills (SB 864)
- Compost and Inert Rules update
- Solid Waste Policy Discussion: Measurement and Utilization
- E-waste workgroup report update