

## **NOTES OF WORKING GROUP MEETING, JANUARY 27, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by M. NcGonagle, co-chair.

Members present: Mark Adelman; Dan Beardsley; Paul Beaudette; Carole Bell; Geoff DiCenso; Tom Getz; Terry Gray; Susanne Greschner; Leo Hellested; Sally Johnson; Sarah Kite for Barry Schiller; Robert Lamoureaux; Angela Macera Briggs; Eugenia Marks; Mike McGonagle; Steven V. Mutter; Chris Ratcliffe; Timothy Regan; Shim Silverstein; Jeanne Tracey-McAreavey; John Trevor; Harold Ward; Dante G. Ionata. Observers: James N. Allam; Jamie M. Magnum.

Members introduced themselves.

Mr. Ionata briefly explained the principal purposes of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan). Mr. McGonagle, Mr. Gray, and Ms. Johnson described the responsibilities of the RIRRC, DEM respectively under the Plan.

Mr. McGonagle briefly outlined a chronology of major RIRRC solid waste management activities and events since the adoption of the current Plan in November 1996, a copy of which is attached.

Mr. Gray reported that the major DEM solid waste regulatory developments since 1996 included the updating and streamlining of the entire structure of rules and regulations governing solid waste management and closure of Hometown Properties, Global Recycling and NEED because of compliance problems.

Mr. Ionata outlined briefly the effectiveness of the current Plan in the areas of source reduction, recycling and disposal. He said the 40% recycling rate achieved during the maximum recycling pilot is not attainable in the broadly implemented maximum recycling program because the level of administrative and management attention applied during the pilot are not possible during statewide implementation. He outlined the need to update a badly-outdated landfill section and the need to add substantive sludge and construction/demolition debris management sections.

After extensive discussion, the Program and Schedule and the Operating Procedures for the Working Group for the forthcoming year were approved. The Program and Schedule and the Operating Procedures, as revised by the Working Group, were distributed to all members on January 27.

The Working Group also established six sub-committees with chairpersons, as follows: Economics, Harold Ward; Disposal, Tim Regan; Source Reduction, Carole Bell; Municipal Recycling, Steve Mutter; Commercial Recycling, Terry Gray; Market Development, John Trevor.