

**REVISED PROGRAM & SCHEDULE
COMPREHENSIVE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN
WORKING GROUP**

Revision 2

15 July 2003

| NO. | DATE | SUBJECT |
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| 2 | 8:30 am March 14 | <p>THE PLAN'S GOAL. Discussion of the Goal for Management of Solid Waste in Rhode Island, which is set forth on p. 1.4 and again on p. 2.2. Is the Plan's Goal satisfactory? Is there any reason to change it?</p> <p>THE SIZE OF THE PROBLEM. Discussion of solid waste tonnages, municipal & commercial; waste generation rates; trends; sources of solid waste; disposal capacity available; alternative disposal sites. This will be a data discussion to provide the Working Group background and context. There will be no discussion of proposed changes.</p> |
| 3 | 8:30 am April 11 | <p>ECONOMICS. A discussion of the economics of solid waste management, to include a discussion of the costs of municipal curbside source separation and recycling, the economics of operating the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), the economics of operating a landfill and the economics of collecting, transferring and hauling solid waste, including long rail haul to out of state disposal. A discussion of recyclables markets. What are the costs of the curbside Municipal Recycling program to municipalities? The effect of tipping fees on recycling. Do economic incentive programs have a place in the Plan? Who should pay for them? How can the economics of recycling be improved?</p> |
| 4 | 8:30 am May 9 | <p>DISPOSAL AND DISPOSAL CAPACITY. Why is landfilling the disposal method used in RI and what are the alternatives. A description of Central Landfill, key data concerning the Landfill and its operation; landfilling technologies; capacity utilization. A detailed discussion of the future availability of disposal capacity and the methods available for the development of disposal capacity adequate for a 20-year time frame. While this will include discussions of landfill siting, its need, its requirements and attendant difficulties, the Plan will not and should not be the context for siting new landfill capacity. This discussion will also include the development of disposal capacity alternative to siting new landfill capacity.</p> <p>Draft Revision of PART 171-1 INTRODUCTION AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</p> |
| 5 | 8:30 am June 13 | <p>SOURCE REDUCTION. What is it? Review this section of the Plan. Is it adequate? If not, why not? If this section needs improvement, how can it be improved? What specific recommendations, if any, should be made to improve the Plan? Apart from the adequacy of the Plan, has it been effective? Can it be made more effective?</p> <p>Draft Revision of PART 171-3 BACKGROUND FOR PLANNING</p> |
| 6 | 8:30 am July 11 | <p>MUNICIPAL RECYCLING. Review the Municipal Recycling section in the same way that Source Reduction was reviewed. What is the potential of Municipal Recycling for extracting materials from the waste stream? How well has RI done? What else can we do? What are the participation and extraction rates and what has happened to them since the beginning of recycling 14 years ago? What can be done to improve the participation and extraction rates? To what extent should recycling be economics-based? Should we recycle at any cost? What is the future of curbside source separation and recycling from the municipal perspective? Develop recommendations for improving and/or amending the. Should the Municipal Recycling section be amended? How?</p> <p>MATERIALS RECYCLING FACILITY (see August item)</p> <p>Draft Revision of PART 171-4 INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS</p> |

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| 7 | 8:30 am August 6 | <p>COMMERCIAL RECYCLING PROGRAMS. This will be a detailed review of the Commercial Recycling, State Agency Recycling, Multi-Family Recycling, and Schools Recycling sections of the Plan according to the same process used for Source Reduction and Municipal Recycling. These reviews should lead to discussions of the adequacy of the Plan, the effectiveness of the Plan and recommendations for improving the Plan and/or its effectiveness. Economics should be incorporated into all these discussions.</p> <p>MATERIALS RECYCLING FACILITY (See July item)</p> |
| 8 | 8:30 am Sept 3 | <p>RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT. A detailed review of the Recycling Market Development section of the Plan, what has been done in this area, and what should be done that has not been done. The discussion should be structured as that in previous sections and again with a view toward deciding whether or not to amend the Plan.</p> <p>THE MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY. A review of the effectiveness of the MRF's operation, the volumes of materials processed by the MRF and the volumes of recyclables put to market. The practicability of recycling certain materials. The markets for recovered materials and their effects on the overall recycling program. How should the MRF section be changed if at all?</p> |
| 9 | 8:30 am Oct 1 | <p>FOOD WASTE & LEAF/YARD WASTE COMPOSTING. A detailed review of these sections of the Plan performed in the same way that the previous sections were reviewed and leading to the same types of discussions: is the Plan adequate, is it effective and how can it be improved from the perspective of its programmatic adequacy and appropriateness and its effectiveness?</p> <p>SPECIAL WASTES. The September meeting will be devoted to similar type reviews of the various Special Wastes currently handled by the system, the management of which are included in the Plan with particular emphasis on Waste Water Treatment Plant Sludge and Household Hazardous Wastes. In the same way as previously, the discussions will be pointed toward the adequacy and effectiveness of the Plan and how they can be improved, if necessary.</p> |
| 10 | 8:30 am Nov 5 | <p>An additional month is now available for flexibility as a result of the reorganization of the schedule</p> <p>Draft Revision of PART 171-5 PROJECTIONS OF WASTE QUANTITIES</p> |
| 11 | 8:30 am Dec 3 | <p>OBJECTIVES. With discussions of all issues completed, the Working Group will now discuss the Objectives that should be included in the Plan for each of the areas of solid waste management programmatic activity.</p> |
| 12 | 8:30 am Jan 7 '04 | <p>1ST REVIEW OF COMPLETE DRAFT PLAN. A discussion of the draft assembled into a complete Plan for the first time.</p> |
| 13 | 8:30 am Feb 4 '04 | <p>2ND & FINAL REVIEW OF THE PLAN. Final review and comment by the Working Group on the revised draft emanating from the January meeting</p> |