

WEPSI-NW Steering Committee Meeting 8
Oregon DEQ
June 27, 2001 9 – 11:45 a.m.

Attending: Larry Chalfan (ZWA), Betty Patton (Project Team), Wayne Rifer (Project Manager/RA), Tanya Schaefer (RA), Dick Schmidt (City of Portland), Jan Whitworth (OR DEQ)
Via Phone: Jennifer Allen (OECDD), Shirli Axelrod (City of Seattle), Cate Gable (MFF), Sego Jackson (Snohomish County), Patricia Jatzcak (WA DOE), Vicky Salazar (EPA R10), Lisa Sepanski (King County), David Stitzhal (NWPSC)

Guests: Bill Bree and Abby (OR DEQ) sat in on the NEPSI meeting report.

1. Approval of 6/6 minutes: Wayne asked that members review the minutes and send any comments to Tanya by mid-afternoon today, so she can post the minutes on the open WEPSI list.
2. NEPSI Meeting Report: All steering committee members who attended felt it was a productive meeting.

SVTC just published a report, Poison PC's and Toxic TV's, and distributed it at the meeting (available at www.svtc.org).

The highlights of the meeting were:

- a. Agreement was reached on a goal and process statement for NEPSI. Source reduction was added to the hierarchy and Gary Davis will be distributing it shortly.
 - b. Discussion of attributes: About a dozen were agreed upon and we need to make sure to encourage adoption of additional attributes.
 - c. System models: Over a dozen types of models were presented. Public pays all was a non-starter for government. Full cost internalized into product price was a non-starter for industry. An advanced recycling fee (deposit) system is a middle of the road option. Discussions may center around how an ARF can work, what it pays for, and how the money will flow. MFF has a policy report regarding this option – e-mail Cate Gable at categable@aol.com if you would like a copy.
 - d. EIA pilots: They will start testing three different models in October - municipal collection with industry paying for transport and recycling, retailer collection with industry paying all (which is intended to study ADF), and retailer collection with a consumer drop-off fee. Epson is not included in the pilot.
 - e. The February meeting location was planned for Florida, but it may be moved to Las Vegas because there is a large consumer electronics expo there at that time.
 - f. There now is a process for ancillary workgroups, and there will be a design workshop before the mid-September Minnesota meeting.
3. Santa Clara (WEPSI-SW) Multi-stakeholder meeting: It served as a good model for the NEPSI meeting which followed it.
 4. Report on meeting with industry representatives: Wayne Rifer, Larry Chalfan, Jennifer Allen, Marcy Jacobs (OECDD), Jim Cravens (AEA), Tim Carey (HP), George Lundberg (Epson) and Rob Buchanan (Xerox) met on June 19. Someone from Matsushita had a strong interest but was not able to attend.

Wayne provided WEPSI/NEPSI background to the group and some of the participants suggested that defining the problem statement for the WEPSI meeting would be a helpful exercise, and would encourage everyone to participate in clarifying the regional issue. We also need to help people understand what the role is for industry at the regional level. We will encourage these industry representatives to attend the multi-stakeholder meeting.

5. Status of invitations and RSVPs for NW Multi-Stakeholder meeting: Tanya mailed almost 400 invitations. To date, she has received 15 RSVPs from government and NGOs only. Wayne will follow up with key representatives and he encouraged other steering committee members to do the same.

6. Agenda and arrangements for NW Multi-Stakeholder meeting: A packet will be sent about a week before the meeting, including public NEPSI documents. Cate Gable will facilitate the meeting. The group reviewed the revised agenda, and the agenda will be revised again pursuant to today's discussion.

The group scheduled a conference call to discuss the agenda for Tuesday, July 3 at 11 a.m. Viccy will arrange a call-in number. Wayne will distribute a revised, annotated agenda by the end of the week for review.

7. Status of WEPSI funding: We have received \$27,000 and identified sources for an additional \$35,000. This is about \$25,000 short of the current budget. Lisa is investigating funding. Tanya will follow up with Shirli regarding a source for \$5,000. Wayne and Cate are pursuing other funding options including foundation proposals for work outside the original scope.

8. Next meeting (now scheduled on same day as M-S meeting): Wayne will try to schedule a steering committee meeting follow up to the multi-stakeholder meeting for July 24 in Olympia. The next regular steering committee meeting is on August 8 in Portland unless otherwise announced.