

**Recycling System Subgroup
Conference Call Meeting 8 Summary
January 24, 2002
2:00 – 3:00 PM**

Members in Attendance

Craig Lorch, Total Reclaim

Greg Sampson, StRUT

Lisa Sepanski, King County, WA

Lori Stole, (WEPSI staff)

Oso, Free Geek

Scott Klag, Metro

Betty Patton, Environmental Practices

(WEPSI staff)

Summary of initial SWOT analysis All members received via email the first attempt at a SWOT analysis for the reuse and recycling subgroup. This initial paper detailed one potential solution to each of the two problem areas the group is discussing. The purpose of this meeting is to explore new solutions for the targeted problems within reuse and recycling of electronic scrap.

Future meetings and schedule The next meeting for the subgroup will be at the next multi-stakeholder meeting in Seattle on February 6th. We need to prepare a 15-minute review of our status for that meeting. After soliciting a volunteer presenter from the group, Oso of Free Geek volunteered. The members of the subgroup will assist in the preparation of the presentation.

Meeting summary This subgroup has the responsibility of creating an action plan for product stewardship's role in reuse and recycling. This meeting was designed to increase the number of suggested solutions that WEPSI can include in the final action plan.

CRT Recycling

In our pursuit of local or regional recycling opportunities for CRT glass, we have raised the following questions:

1. How does the increased popularity and decreased price of flat panel screens affect the desire of industry to invest in recycling of CRT glass?
2. As the sale of foreign made CRTs increases in the US, are there recycling opportunities in Asia or is our foreign market still limited to reuse?
3. What is the current North American capacity for CRT glass? Have we maximized it? What percentage of available material is currently in the recycling stream?
4. What markets exist or can be created for leaded glass that are not CRTs? Medical? Aeronautical?
5. What are the pros and cons of using prison labor for demanufacturing of electronic equipment? Is it wise to base a business model on this labor source?
6. How can we incorporate product stewardship into our problems and solutions?

Some of the problems that we highlighted will be added to the list of topics for a thorough SWOT analysis. These problems include:

1. CRT glass-to-glass market capacity
2. Asian opportunities
3. Transportation costs

Material Reuse

All solutions to electronic waste handling need to adhere to the waste hierarchy. Therefore, ease and cost of recycling should not infringe on the material stream for reuse.

Homework assignments

Betty will continue the SWOT analysis of the above mentioned tactics and disperse them to the subgroup for feedback.

Oso will work with others in the subgroup to prepare the 15 minute review at the Feb 6th meeting.

Scott Klag will comment and expand on our SWOT analysis through Feb 1st so we will be better prepared for the Feb 6th meeting.