

**Western Electronic Product Stewardship Initiative
Policy and Regulatory System Subgroup: Meeting 5 Summary
November 19, 2001, 12:30 - 2**

Members in Attendance:

Lori Stole, WEPSI staff, RA
Shirli Axelrod, City of Seattle
Heather Bowman, EIA
Jennifer Allen, OECD
Scott Klag, Metro
Wayne Rifer, WEPSI team

Meeting Summary:

Review of Previous Meeting Summary: It was agreed that the summary from the last meeting seemed accurate. It will be on the website soon.

Discussion of Economic Development Topic: Jennifer presented what she has developed so far, seeking suggestions from the group. She will continue to develop this topic for our next meeting. She outlined what she would like to include in a presentation, including a definition of economic development and description of existing programs in other states, and asked us to help brainstorm about some areas. We talked about ecoindustrial parks, the economic development tool of clustering, zoning, EPA's Jobs through Recycling, evaluating what end markets exist in our region, tax breaks, and a recent Metro meeting on rural market development. No specific speaker ideas came out of the discussion. It was suggested that someone, who could talk about a particular example such as an industrial park, might be helpful.

NEPSI Regulations Subgroup: Lori provided an update of this new NEPSI subgroup. George Lundberg from Epson is in charge of it, and he and Lori will work together to insure that they don't replicate efforts. The NEPSI subgroup doesn't have a timeline yet. Also, George will be joining our group.

Proposed Work Topics for this Subgroup: Lori had prepared this as a summary of our discussions to date, and it was discussed.

1. Summary of the current regulations on hazardous materials in electronics
It was suggested that we should be sure each of our states is represented at the meeting. The 12/12 presentation would include info on status of our region's policies and regulations, and those of selected other key states.
We discussed whether we should use presentation time to cover relevant regulations in other countries. It had been suggested that Heather could give such a presentation, but it turns out she will not be able to attend the 12/12 meeting. Holly might attend, and Heather suggested that Holly could also give a presentation on this topic. We agreed to examine this later, when we know better whether there would be enough presentation time for it.

2. Environmentally Sound Recycling

The goal is to inform the group about what the criteria of an environmentally sound recycling process would be. At this time we are not viewing this as a regulation issue. Wayne suggested that this would be a matter of both public and private policy issues. Perhaps recyclers could choose to sign on to such a Guideline. It would be an information source for rural areas. It would be a means of evaluating any certification systems that do come out, such as from IAER. Scott suggested that the situation may be different from the government and business perspectives. Heather added that EIA has been looking at this issue with OECD, the Organization of Economic and Community Development

Several people said they have information with which to get started on this topic, and will send what they have to Lori.

3. Environmentally Preferable Purchasing:

Shirli will prepare a short presentation on status quo for 12/12 on this topic. It may include a small scale SWOT per Wayne's suggestion. It was suggested that it might be useful to understand the process that government procurement people have to go through.

4. Economic Development:

Discussed above.

Speakers for 12/12 presentation:

- There is still interest in Charles Cockeran, from Ca. DTSC for a discussion of what California had gone through on the regulatory front, with specific questions that we would ask him to answer.
- Jennifer is considering options for someone who can speak on policies/regulations for trade and economic development.
- An overview of the international regulatory picture from Holly? .

Research/Tasks

- Everyone will send info on elements of environmentally sound recycling to Lori.
- Lori will make the changes suggested to the Proposed Work document.
- Lori will check on availability of proposed speakers.
- Jennifer will continue developing the economic development topic, and will determine, who a relevant speaker for this topic might be.

Nest meeting:

December 3, 12:30 west coast time. Call in number is 206-553-4602.