

WEPSI Policy and Regulatory Subgroup: Meeting 6 Summary
12/3/01, 12:30 - 2

Attendees:

Lori Stole, WEPSI
Jennifer Allen, OECDD
Wayne Rifer, WEPSI
Scott Klag, Metro
Shirli Axelrod, City of Seattle
Heather Bowman, EIA
Dick Schmidt, City of Portland

Meeting 5 Summary: Was approved

From Brainstorming to Goals Document: Lori's draft of this document was discussed. All agreed it captured the thinking of the subgroup, and should be a handout at the M-S meeting. Topics that are in purview of more than one subgroup could be highlighted. It was suggested that it be cut down to fit one double-sided sheet for handout purposes.

Presentation to 12/12 meeting: Lori outlined her suggestion for this presentation. First, introduce the brainstorming summary document. Next, cover current regulations topic.

Definitions of terms: It was discussed whether we should present definitions for pertinent terms. Shirli felt that we not worry about creating written definitions of terminology for 12/12, but determine which terms need defining based on the 12/12 meeting discussion. Lori and Shirli noted that terms are defined in specific laws/regulations and perhaps are defined differently by some agencies. We should discuss the terminology in relation to those agencies/regulations. Heather suggested that the subgroup should ask each agency to define the terms as they use them, and that EIA could provide the definitions they use. Lori suggested the definitions might help understand the state variations in CRT management strategy. Shirli agreed to start with the initial list of terms. Agencies can designate which terms have regulatory definitions, and we want to know all the definitions they use, of a given term in different regulations. Scott K. pointed out that the key issue is, when does the state/agency designate a product as waste, and perhaps this would be best shown with a flow chart. Lori agreed to look into one.

The presentation will focus on the regulatory picture in Western States, and perhaps on a couple other key states, that have addressed these issues, especially CA and Mass.

Speaker: Charles Corcoran, Ca DTSC, who researched and authored the CA regs may come. Mark Small is an option. The previous speaker suggestions

were reviewed. It was agreed to invite Charles Corcoran to speak. Lori will call him. It was also agreed that instead of inviting someone to present an industry perspective, we let that come out via the Q and A.

Economic Development Policy will be the 2nd of 2 primary presentation areas for the meeting. Discussion of the topic comes later in the meeting summary.

Environmentally Sound Recycling Policy. It was suggested that this topic be covered via a posted sheet of paper, on which participants could write their suggestions for the criteria of an environmentally sound recycling system. It was agreed. Optimally there would be a starter list already compiled.

EPP: This topic will be briefly covered, by presenting a handout focused on the Northwest, which Shirli is preparing. In discussing policies that OEMs have, Heather suggested that Doug Smith already sent something and she will look for others.

Regulatory Barriers to Reuse/Recycling: It was agreed to seek stakeholder input via a posted sheet. What do participants see as barriers?

Presentation responsibilities: Lori: brainstorming, coordinate regulations segment, introduce barriers comment sheet

Jennifer: economic development

Shirli: introduce environmentally sound recycling topic and EPP handout

Economic development: Jennifer introduced her piece describing how economic development and PS relate to each other, suggesting that the presentation should touch on the questions in the first few pages, using it as a tool for discussion. One goal might be to determine which programs need to be amplified. According to Jennifer, a lot of people do not recognize the potential. There are a lot of different programs but people don't associate that they can work together to contribute to job creation and e-waste handling. It was suggested this topic be further developed by a sub-subgroup.

Speaker suggestions for this topic: Clean Washington Center, Susan Sinclair. PAZ for market development strategies, Meg Lynch, Steve Engles, who is leading the Metro program, which is in its kick-off stage. OR waste comp study. Jennifer will work at assembling a panel for this topic.

Agenda for subgroup meeting on 12/12: Lori asked if there were suggestions for agenda items. Shirli – What people write on the wall. Also links between subgroups since they will all be there.

Tentative 12/10 subgroup meeting: It was agreed that presentation plans seem to be in control, and this meeting would not be necessary.