

**Summary Minutes
Solid Waste Management Advisory Council (SWAC)
November 21st, 2002
High Banks Metro Park
9466 Columbus Pike
Lewis Center, OH 43035**

Members in Attendance:

Erv Ball, Health Departments
Brad Biggs, ODOD's Director's Designee
Brad Couch, Statewide Environmental Advocacy Org.
James Gilliland, Counties
Karl Graham, Municipalities
Dan Harris, EPA's Director's Designee
Dell Heitcamp, Public
Steve Hill, Industrial Generators
Sean Logan, Counties
Mike Long, Single County SWMDs
Richard Mavis, Municipalities
Antoinette Starkey, Private Recycling Industry
Joe Sykes, Townships
Kathy Trent, Private Solid Waste Management
Tim Wasserman, Joint County SWMDs
Richard Williams, Townships

SWAC Member Recognition

The following Council members were recently reappointed by the Governor to the SWAC body: Erv Ball, Joe Sykes and Kathy Trent. Mr. Harris thanked these members for their willingness to continue to serve on SWAC.

The following Council members were recently appointed by the Governor: Brad Couch, James Gilliland, Karl Graham, Richard Mavis, and Tim Wasserman. Mr. Harris gave a brief introduction of these newly appointed Council members and thanked them for their willingness to serve on SWAC.

Mr. Harris announced that Sally Beals resigned from SWAC. Richard Mavis has been appointed by the Governor to finish out Ms. Beals' remaining term on SWAC.

May 9th, 2002 Meeting Minutes Approved

The first order of business was to review and approve the May 9, 2002 meeting minutes. Erv Ball MOVED to approve the minutes, Mike Long SECONDED the motion. The minutes were approved on voice vote.

August 15th, 2002 Meeting Minutes Approved

The meeting minutes for the August 15, 2002 meeting were reviewed. Sean Logan MOVED to approve the minutes, Dan Harris SECONDED the motion. The minutes were approved on voice vote.

Update on Legislative/DSIWM Issues

Mr. Harris commented on SB 199 (C&DD Legislation). Mr. Harris explained that SB 199 would add siting criteria to newly proposed C&DD sites, would add a streamlined background check system, and would provide funding to local health districts and Ohio EPA. SB 199 has passed the Senate and is currently undergoing hearings in the House—State Government Committee. Mr. Harris informed SWAC that Ohio EPA has given proponent testimony for the Bill as have several other interested parties. However, a large number of voices have expressed opposition to the Bill. It is felt that the Bill will not move through the Committee due to the amount of opposition that has been expressed by C&DD landfill operators.

Mr. Harris recognized two concerns of Ohio EPA regarding the existing C&DD program. The first concern is the under-funding of local health districts. The second concern deals with the fact that the current statute provides for only two siting restrictions. SB 199 is seen by Ohio EPA as a way to improve the situation for both of these concerns.

Mr. Biggs suggested there may be a way to take smaller steps to address the areas of concern for the current C&DD program. He suggested that perhaps some of the problems could be resolved by looking at the rules for C&DD versus the statute.

Ms. Trent and Mr. Harris explained that the SB 199 requirements would not apply to existing C&DD facilities. Some C&DD operators do not appear to understand this provision.

Mr. Harris also informed Council members on the progress of several DSIWM rule packages. The Agency intends to re-file the landfill rules package and be on the Joint Committee of Agency Rule Review's (JCARR's) agenda for December 9, 2002. The composting rules will also be re-filed soon and are expected to appear on JCARR's agenda sometime in January. DSIWM is asking for an extension from JCARR for the infectious waste rules. This extension is being requested in an effort to work with the U.S. Department of Transportation to make sure there are no conflicting requirements in the rules.

Sharon Gbur, Ohio EPA, Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management, Storm Debris Management Training

Ms. Gbur presented information about a storm debris management training course that has been established to address debris management issues after disaster events, such as a tornado or flood, have occurred. The target audience for this storm debris management course is local emergency management agency offices, local health districts, Ohio EPA staff, and solid waste management districts. This training has been established through a partnership between Ohio EPA and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA). Ms. Gbur serves as the Ohio EPA, Central Office contact for debris management issues relating to solid waste disposal.

Ms. Gbur shared the outline for the course. The course explains how to deal with the different types of debris that may result from various disaster events. The course identifies four phases in dealing with debris management. The four phases are:

normal operation, increased readiness, response, and recovery.

In addition to the four phases of debris management, the course also covers environmental and historical preservation considerations, FEMA eligibility and reasonable costs, debris forecasting and estimating techniques, debris contracting procedures, the evaluation for and operation of debris management sites, debris monitoring, and supplemental assistance.

Ohio EPA and OEMA have developed a fact sheet that provides a condensed version of the information included in the course. This fact sheet includes information about contracting, the regulatory requirements for different waste streams, information for temporary storage sites, and other information published by OEMA.

Brad Masi and Lucian Eisenhouer, Ecological Design Innovation Center, In-vessel Composting at Oberlin College

Mr. Masi explained that the Ecological Design Innovation Center is a non-profit organization that endeavors to address environmental problems through community partnerships. This organization has recognized a need to create an infrastructure to process food waste from Oberlin College for composting. Oberlin College generates 220 tons of food waste each year.

Mr. Eisenhouer covered the various composting systems and elaborated on the advantages of in-vessel composting for this food waste composting project. The particular system that is being considered for this project includes a biofilter component to address composting odors. This unit is able to process 3,000 pounds per day. The ultimate goal for this project is to introduce food waste generated by other institutions in the area in order to divert waste and benefit the economical aspects of the community.

The capital budget for this system is estimated at \$324,550 with an annual operations budget estimated to be \$35,950. However, it is anticipated that there will be an overall cost savings through reduced disposal fees along with other economical benefits gleaned from the project.

Dan Harris and Andrew Booker, Ohio EPA, Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management, State Disposal Fee

Mr. Harris explained that the Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management is projecting a budgetary deficit for the upcoming biennium beginning in 2005. DSIWM has identified a need for an increase in the state disposal fee by \$0.25/ton in order to countervail the projected deficit. The current state disposal fee is \$1.75/ton. However, it was explained that DSIWM receives only \$0.75 from the existing fee. Some of the state fee is funneled to Ohio EPA's Divisions of Hazardous Waste Management and Emergency and Remedial Response.

Mr. Harris also explained that DSIWM has increased funding for some other Agency services as general revenue funds have been pulled away from the Agency. One example is the funding DSIWM provides for Ohio EPA's Small Business Assistance

Office.

It is anticipated that the \$0.25 fee increase will begin to be collected in July 2003 should the fee be approved. This action would be made through the Governor's budget bill.

According to handouts distributed by Mr. Harris, it is projected that the \$0.25 fee increase would offset the projected deficit in DSIWM's budget until the latter part of 2007.

Mr. Harris expressed his willingness to meet with any interested party to explain the reason for the proposed increase in the state disposal fee.

Mr. Booker shared amounts charged by other neighboring states that compare to Ohio's state disposal fee.

Andrew Booker, Ohio EPA, Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management, Out-of-State Waste

Mr. Booker provided the Council with handouts depicting Ohio solid waste imports and exports for 2001. This information shows that Ohio received almost two million tons of waste from out-of-state in 2001. Most of the waste imported into Ohio was generated in New York.

Information shared by Mr. Booker also indicates that Ohio exported almost one million tons of waste, for disposal, to neighboring states in 2001.

Since 1996 we have seen an increase in the amount of waste generated out-of-state and disposed in Ohio. As of 2001, out-of-state waste represents about 10 percent of the total amount of waste disposed in Ohio.

Potential Future Agenda Topics

- Franklin County Gasification Project
- Lake County Recycling Program
- Contract for Recycling by Local Communities
- City of Cincinnati, Challenges Regarding Recycling Programs

Mr. Harris announced the dates and locations for all the quarterly SWAC meetings scheduled for 2003.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2003 to be held at the Columbus Zoo from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Erv Ball, Vice Chair

Minutes approved on: _____

Certified by: _____
Kathy Trent, Secretary