

Waste Reduction Task Force

Ninth Meeting – May 29th, 2008

Meeting Summary

The ninth and final meeting of the Waste Reduction Task Force took place at the University of Tennessee-Lane Agricultural Extension Office Building in Murfreesboro, TN on May 29, 2008 starting at 8:00 a.m.

After a call to order, review of the meeting objectives and agenda, the meeting began.

Sharon Smith presented the last priority concepts from Work Group – 2, Public and Private Participation. Both concepts passed the Task Force with the required 80% consensus rate. There was some discussion on the landfill ban but in the end it was passed with little disagreement. The definition of e-scrap was also clearly defined for the purpose of the passed ban. The priority concepts are listed below in passed language:

- ✍ To help form a more accurate picture of where the State of Tennessee is in recycling, the private sector should be surveyed by TDEC or its contractors every five years. This survey would aid in determining recycling benchmarks by these private entities. The survey could also serve the purpose of identifying barriers/roadblocks which prevent further recycling efforts. --- **READY TO GO**
- ✍ The specific waste streams of OCC, metals and electronic scrap (E-scrap) should be banned from landfills within five years of implementation.

For the purpose of this recommendation, E-scrap includes, but is not limited to, computers, laptops, monitors, computer peripherals, televisions, stereos, fax machines, printers, copiers, DVD players, cell phones, radios, VCRs, telephones, typewriters, uninterruptable power supply (UPS) systems, cables, iPods and MP3 players, game consoles, cameras and tape players. . --- **READY TO GO**

After the concepts were passed, Larry Christley reviewed the progress made at the work group leader's meeting in Bartlett on May 15, 2008. The summary was accepted with some discussion and the inclusion of "Other Materials" managed by the local government into the formula for waste reduction. The meeting notes of the May 15th meeting are already posted at the Task Force website.

Larry Christley then gave a summary of all concept points passed to date in a "big picture," project plan format. The points were broken into – Goal, Who is Responsible, Action Steps, Other Components, Enforcement, Reporting, and Metrics and Measurements. Each point was footnoted and related back to key points in the work groups' concepts that have been previously approved by the Task Force. A copy of those notes is posted on the Task Force website for review.

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Since there is a possibility that all the concepts may not be rolled out at once, the Task Force set guidance criteria on the implementation or rollout of the concepts. The guidance criteria are contained in a separate document for review. The Task Force agreed that the points that have the greatest impact should be enacted earliest. However, all points are important and TDEC should not be afraid to put them all up at once. The concepts are solid and in line with what other states are doing.

In wrap up, Don McCain had the Task Force review the activities that went well and what did not during the Task Force tenure. The Task Force listed a number of items that were beneficial and could be improved in future Task Force type activities. These are summarized in another document.

After encouraging the continued participation through the rule making process and legislative process in enacting these concepts, Don McCain asked that all be present at the Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting on June 19, 2008 where these will be presented. Sharon Smith will be representing the Task Force in the presentation of concepts at the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting. The Task Force was asked to be there to show support for their recommendations. It was decided that dissenting opinions would be included, but not presented, to give the Solid Waste Advisory Committee the full picture of what was decided and considerations made. All concepts that passed the Waste Reduction Task Force were passed with an 80% margin of consensus and is fully worthy of consideration and forward action by the Advisory Committee.

Meeting adjourned.