

Summary of the Waste Prevention Steering Committee June 19th 2007, Montpelier State House

ANR Reorganization

Laura Pelosi, Policy Planner for ANR, started the meeting with a review of the Agency reorganization process and how the efforts of the Waste Prevention Steering Committee fit into the formation of the Center for Climate Change and Waste Reduction, one of 12 centers in the new ANR structure.

Overview of the Problem

Jeff Fehrs, Solid Waste Program Planner, followed with a power point presentation, “Overview of the Waste Problem From DEC’s Perspective”. This presentation provided a summary of the April 12, 2007 forum, including data presented by DSM Environmental Services. You can review the entire DSM power point presentation on the ANR website at: <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/R3/conference.htm>

Road Map for the Waste Prevention Planning Process

Jeff Edelstein reviewed the “Draft Roadmap to Develop the Vermont Waste Prevention Strategic Plan”:
<http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/wastediv/R3/WPplanning/June19MeetingRoadMap.pdf>

Determining Subcommittee topics.

The group agreed on dividing into the following four subcommittees:

- Construction waste and demolition debris (C&D) – also to include bulky waste.
- Organics
- Household hazardous waste (HHW) & Universal waste & electronic waste (ewaste)
- Recyclable materials, such as paper, plastics, glass, metals, packaging (to include opportunities for both waste prevention and recycling, including product stewardship)

The following protocols were agreed to for subcommittee work:

Schedule: The subcommittees will attempt to meet several times over the summer (as necessary) to discuss the issues associated with each category. Each group will meet in person for at least the first meeting and then determine whether subsequent meetings will be in-person, phone or e-mail.

Focus: The groups will look at waste prevention opportunities at all stages of material flow (extraction, manufacturing, distribution, retail, consumption, reuse/recycling/disposal), look at how product stewardship relates to the waste type and assess how each of the various tools (public education, financing, technical assistance, etc.) can be used to meet the overall goal of waste prevention.

Structure: DEC personnel will handle subcommittee meeting logistics, notetaking and related support activities. Each subcommittee will have a chair or co-chair from the steering committee. DEC and the project facilitator will provide support to the chairs to help guide the subcommittees' work.

The Steering Committee then agreed to meet on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 to review the work of the subcommittees and begin to integrate that work into a larger plan.