

Sec. 10. COMPOSTING FACILITY REGULATORY REVIEW

(e) On or before July 1, 2008, the agency of natural resources shall convene a study committee to review the existing regulatory requirements for composting in the state and to recommend amendments or improvements to the existing rules governing the construction, alteration, or operation of a composting facility. The committee shall consist of:

(1) the secretary of natural resources or his or her designee; **Cathy Jamieson**

(2) the secretary of agriculture, food and markets or his or her designee; **David Lane or Phil Benedict**

(3) two representatives of the composting association of Vermont, appointed by the association; **Pat O'Neill and Bob Foster (or Tom Gilbert or Brian Jerose)**

(4) a representative of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, appointed by the league; **Karen Horn**

(5) a representative of an interested environmental group, appointed by the senate committee on committees; **Amy Shollenberger of Rural Vermont**

(6) a representative from the Vermont association of solid waste managers, appointed by the association; **Teresa Kuczynski of Addison County Solid Waste Management District**

(7) the state historic preservation officer or his or her designee; and **Scott Dillon**

(8) a representative of the natural resources board, appointed by the chair of the board. **Melanie Kehne**

(f) The committee shall issue a final report of its findings to the house committee on fish, wildlife and water resources, the senate committee on natural resources and energy, and the house and senate committees on agriculture by January 15, 2009. The report shall include:

(1) Recommended rules for the construction, alteration, or operation of a composting facility;

(2) Recommendations for increasing public awareness of the benefits of composting;

(3) Recommendations for increasing awareness within the composting community and those interested in initiating a composting operation of the existing regulations governing composting; and

(4) The contact information of an individual or department at the agency of natural resources that can assist interested persons in understanding and complying with the agency's regulations for composting.