

External Requests of Solid Waste Administrators for Input to MPCA Solid Waste Program/Activities

April 2007 Solid Waste Activities Report

	Contact Person (phone no; email)	Request; Description; Intent; Stakeholder Committees	When; Timeline; Where
Reinvigorate Recycling meetings	Mark Rust 651-215-0198 mark.rust@pca.state.mn.us	This campaign is designed to bolster recycling in MN through various efforts beginning with the development of statewide media campaign for the residential sector followed by efforts in the commercial sector, away-from-home recycling, and schools/public entities. There is no specific request of the SWA's at this time. Periodic updates, requests for input, or notifications of events will go out via the SWALINK. We have formed a stakeholder committee including county staff, industry, non-profits, and elected officials to help us develop the campaign. People with comments or questions about the campaign should contact Mark Rust, Wayne Gjerde or Tina Patton or their regional stakeholder member who include: NW – Betsy Bjerklie (Otter Tail), NE - Terry Soderberg (St. Louis), SW – Brian Sams (Redwood), SE – Sharon Vrieze (Olmsted) or Jean Lundquist (Blue Earth), Metro – Angie Timmons (Hennepin) or Joy Miciano (Ramsey)	The stakeholder group meets periodically (no regular schedule) as required by the campaign work; typically once a month but sometimes more. Meetings are held in St. Paul at the OEA or AMC. Times vary.
Glass Recycling Input meetings	Mark Rust 651-215-0198 mark.rust@pca.state.mn.us	Following the completion of our study on optical sorting options for glass in MN, we plan to host a glass meeting/forum to discuss our findings, talk about the latest with glass markets in MN, and have a discussion on local challenges faced by counties, cities, recyclers, etc. We have asked Jon Steiner, Chuck Wegner, and Ted Troolin to help us plan this glass meeting to make sure we address all the issues people wish to discuss or learn more about. This meeting is expected to be a one-time event.	A planning meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3 rd from 10-11AM at the PCA in St. Paul with some attendees joining via conference call. It is anticipated that the actual glass meeting be held in St. Cloud late May or early June.
Solid Waste Policy/Rule/Program Input (E. Rudberg's request)	Edgar Rudberg 651-296-6603 edgar.rudberg@state.mn.us	Ideas for consideration in solid waste rule changes.	Deadline already past. But there will be a second opportunity for input once formal rule-making starts.

SCORE Program Upgrade input	Arlene Vee 507-829-1860 arlene.vee@state.mn.us	The SWA's have agreed to participate in a review of the SCORE measurement system to better understand what changes need to be made to improve the current reporting and make SCORE a more effective tool for evaluation of our solid waste system and planning efforts. A workgroup will likely be formed to evaluate the program.	Work will begin on this late 2007 and the meat of the review and input will be conducted during 2008. Meeting locations, dates, and times TBD.
2007 SW Policy Report	Jim Chiles 651-296-7273 jim.chiles@pca.state.mn.us	Discussion about solid waste policy focusing on energy, burn barrels and recycling and issues SWAA wants to raise. The PCA's Solid Waste Policy Report is due to the Legislature December, 2007 and initial planning work is underway internally to develop the report. As with past reports, the PCA would like external input into the report and the SWA Exec Board will be asked to discuss the report and provide input at a future meeting.	The goal is to conduct stakeholder input meetings in June/ and July. MPCA will 2007 so we'll need to coordinate a meeting with SWAA. We want SWAA to designate a point of contact to facilitate coordination of this discussion. the Exec Board to determine dates, times, etc. to meet with them in June and or July. Location and times TBD.
Customer Assistance Center Survey upcoming	Mary Palmer 651-215-0238 mary.palmer@pca.state.mn.us	Five-minute anonymous web-based survey. The MPCA Customer Assistance Center is designed to provide technical compliance assistance and pollution prevention referrals when appropriate. We are interested in improving and ways to expand and enhance our services to businesses and communities regulated by the MPCA. Would like land issues perspective.	One week from the date the survey is sent out. All results will be tallied May 11th with or without replies (no reminder sent).