

# 173-350 Solid Waste Definitions Update Work Group

February 3, 2015

1:00-2:30

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## Agenda

### Attendees:

X	Andrew Kenefick	Waste Management
X	Art Starry	Jurisdictional Health Authorities
X	Brad Lovaas	Washington Refuse and Recycling Association
	Bruce Chattin	Washington Aggregates & Concrete Association
X	Jodi Snyder	Waste Connections
X	Ken Stone	Washington State Department of Transportation
	Scott Windsor	Local Government - City of Spokane
X	Sego Jackson	Local Government - Snohomish County
X	Suellen Mele	Zero Waste Washington
X	Ted Silvestri	Jurisdictional Health Authorities
X	Troy Lautenbach	Washington State Recycling Association
Ecology:		
	Gary Bleeker	Washington Department of Ecology
X	Wayne Krafft	Washington Department of Ecology
X	Alli Kingfisher	Washington Department of Ecology
Guests:		
X	Jim Sells	Washington Refuse and Recycling Association
X	Penny Ingram	Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
X	Pam Smith	Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
	Betty Young	Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
	Susan Thoman	Cedar Grove
X	Jerry Bartlett	Cedar Grove
X	Bart Kale	Bart Kale & Associates/Nucor Steel

**Project Objective:** The definitions of Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials, and Recycling are the basis for all solid waste handling activities. These terms are defined in statute, but subject to some interpretation. The work group will focus on these terms and determine if they can be clarified or improved within the limits of existing statutes.

## Meeting Objectives:

- Draft definition of *reuse*
- Discuss latest draft
- Schedule meetings in March

## Ground Rules

- Turn off distractions (phone, email etc)
- Success depends on participation
- Avoid acronyms
- Share air time
- Share the why as well as the what
- These are preliminary thoughts
- Feedback loops with constituent groups/gatekeepers
- Regular attendance – if you can't attend designate a proxy

Topic	Additional Details
Welcome, Check in, Roll call	
Review Group Process to Date	Conform changes to meeting notes for 1-20-15
Review definitions of Reuse	
Factors to consider for recycling and solid waste	Review draft language Run test cases through the language
Wrap-up & Check-out	

## Develop definition of 'Reuse'

The group compared various definitions of reuse including:

- [EPA "Reuse"](#) The use of a product or material again for the same purpose. In its original form or with little enhancement or change.
- [ODEQ](#). The return of a commodity into the economic stream for use in the same kind of application as before without change in its identity.
- [CalRecycle](#) Using an object or material again, either for its original purpose or for a similar purpose, without significantly altering the physical form of the object or material.
- [Wikipedia](#) To **reuse** is to use an item again after it has been used. This includes conventional reuse where the item is used again for the same function and new-life reuse where it is used for a different function. In contrast, recycling is the breaking down of the used item into raw materials which are used to make new items.

## Comments:

- Reuse is specific to material, *object* or product. We need to add the word object to whatever definition we use.
- Reuse is included in the current definition of *recyclable materials* – operative thought reuse in its current form w/o undergoing a substantial change.
- Don't use commodity as it is already outside of being a solid waste. California and Oregon definitions use commodity as part of franchise system definitions

- Include the words *similar purpose* instead of just *same purpose*. This will allow greater flexibility in use but maintains the flexibility needed for adaptive reuse.
- There are a number of grey areas between reuse and recycling but the key is not altering the form.
- Examples that were discussed:
  - A bowling alley lane reused as a bowling alley lane (reuse)
  - A bowling alley lane as a counter (reuse or recycling – undetermined)
  - A tire repurposed as a swing (reuse or recycling – undetermined)
  - Tires piled as a wall or fence (this is to be prevented and we don't want this to be allowed as reuse)
  - Drywall to fertilizer is not reuse.
  - Drywall used in a house again it is reuse.

**ACTION:** Focus on the CalRecycle definition and make any suggested tweaks.

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Continued working on draft language.

Comments:

- In (2) 10% non-recyclable materials – this can seem like an ‘allowable’ amount of contamination rather than a maximum amount.
- Only DOT advocated for keeping (5). The consensus was to remove this language.
- What about ADC? We could add the words “the material is not destined for a landfill” to prevent ADC from being counted as recycling. This resulted in a lengthy discussion on the issue.

**ACTION:** Wayne Krafft (Ecology) will ask for greater coordination on decision making on the ADC issue from higher levels at Ecology.