

173-350 Solid Waste Definitions Update Work Group

December 16, 2014

1:00-4:00

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Agenda

Attendees:

X	Andrew Kenefick	Waste Management
X	Ann Rendahl	Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
	Art Starry	Jurisdictional Health Authorities
	Brad Lovaas	Washington Refuse and Recycling Association
X	Bruce Chattin	Washington Aggregates & Concrete Association
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
	Ted Silvestri	Jurisdictional Health Authorities
X	Troy Lautenbach	Washington State Recycling Association
Ecology:		
	Gary Bleeker	Washington Department of Ecology
X	Wayne Krafft	
X	Alli Kingfisher	Washington Department of Ecology
Guests:		
X	Jim Sells	Washington Refuse and Recycling Association
	Penny Ingram	Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
X	Pam Smith	Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
X	Betty Young	Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
	Susan Thoman	Cedar Grove
X	Jerry Bartlett	Cedar Grove
X	Bart Kale	Bart Kale & Associates/Nucor Steel
X	Dave Batter?	

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:

- Refine comments on draft language.
- Develop list of other definitions needed

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 11-18 meeting
Factors to consider for recycling and solid waste	Review draft language Consider issues related to: composting, anaerobic digesters, scrap metals, impacted soils, others
Review other definitions needed	Reuse
Wrap-up & Check-out	

Question: how is this going to fit in with whatever else is going on?

Depends on what comes out of the work groups. This WG overlaps more than others. Each WG comes up with recommendations – when all groups are done agency and staff will put it together to work through issues. Will come up with an informal draft of the entire rule and we will take comments. We will take all comments.

Question: Can Ecology and UTC provide an overview of what they regulate?

There was a discussion that went on for over an hour. The UTC referenced the definition of solid waste as listed in [81.77.010](#) : (9) "Solid waste" means the same as defined under RCW 70.95.030, except for the purposes of this chapter solid waste does not include recyclable materials except for source separated recyclable materials collected from residences;

The UTC summed up as they regulate: “Rates, routes, service territories, and safety”

Ecology supports local governments in regulating/overseeing the facilities that receive the materials.

There was a long discussion over the term “valuable.”

Comments:

- Valuable: when it has/has not value to person getting rid of it OR has value to people receiving it.
- What about ADC?: People buy ADC. People buy soil. Some materials are used. But markets change. If somebody is paying for something “revenue generating cover”
- ECY: ADC is always disposal. It is not recycling
- Market determines what is recyclable or not.
- A waste that has a BUD is still a waste
- A steel mill is an exempt recycling facility. Everything they take is to a spec.

There was a discussion as to how to modify the current draft language. We proposed making items #1-3: mandatory and #4-5 as Factors to be considered

Homework: consider what should be mandatory and what is a factor

Next meeting is January 6 conference call from 1:00-2:30