

173-350 Solid Waste Definitions Update Work Group

July 7, 2015

1:00-5:00

Location: Utilities and Transportation Commission

1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW, Olympia, WA 98504-7250

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Agenda

Attendees:

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

Meeting Objectives:

- Review language in 210 and 310
- Determine direction needed for changes
- Provide guidance and recommendations to Ecology

Project Objective:

Focus on 210: Recycling issues are complex and heavily intertwined with the definitions of *solid waste*, *recycling*, and *recyclable materials*. By law, the definition of solid waste includes recyclable materials. The work group will evaluate this section. Membership will evolve from efforts focused on the definitions of [Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials, and Recycling](#). Some issues that may be addressed include:

- Current solid waste rules exempt recycling facilities from permitting when they meet the criteria in Section 210. However, notification requirements of 210 may not be adequate to address some recycling activities that can pose a risk to human health and the environment.
- When no permit is required, no revenues are generated to support local health department oversight.
- Some stakeholders believe that Section 210 should be merged with the materials recovery portion of Section 310, *Intermediate solid waste handling facilities*, and permits should be required. Some argue for flexibility where alternative approaches such as limited volumes or restricted feedstocks can still support exemptions from permitting; others do not believe that recycling should be regulated under solid waste rules at all.

The work group may consider including whether there should be a throughput requirement to sustain an exemption, if there should be a threshold percentage of material that is disposed, and whether a plan of operations should be required for exempt facilities

Focus on 310: This section includes Materials Recovery Facilities, Transfer Stations, Baling and Compaction sites, and Drop Box Facilities. A work group will be formed to evaluate this section. Membership will evolve from efforts on the definitions of Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials, and Recycling (above).

- Both materials recovery facilities and recycling facilities manage recyclable materials. Some engage in both activities. The work group will consider whether the *Material Recovery Facilities* language in this section should be moved to the *Recycling* section (WAC 173-350-210), or perhaps merged in a new section.
- In order to qualify for permit exemptions, facilities must meet specific criteria. Notification requirements in section 310 may not adequately address questions of compliance. Some forms of materials recovery do not qualify for exemption under the rule, yet they should not be classified as transfer stations.

Additionally, the work group will discuss design standards for transfer stations to include an impervious floor, leachate collection and storage, and vector control. The group may also discuss whether to allow scavenging at some facilities with permission from the owner/operator and the Jurisdictional Health Department.

