Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Updated Outreach Materials for Haulers & their Customers

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Background

- Follow-up to post-Comprehensive Materials Management Strategy (CMMS) adoption discussions with haulers in 2016/2017.

- Update to “Educational Materials” developed for haulers and their customers in 2011.
Solid Waste & Recycling Hauler Resources

- New materials include:
  - Letter to Haulers Regarding Recycling Responsibilities of Haulers and their Customers
  - Summary of Recycling Requirements and Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Haulers
  - Letter from DEEP to Commercial Customers and Summary of Recycling Requirements

- These materials can be found on DEEP’s Solid Waste & Recycling Hauler Resources webpage:
  www.ct.gov/deep/SolidWasteHaulerResources
Contracting Language

• CGS 22a-241l – contracts “must make provision for the collection of source-separated recyclables”

• Contract language like the following does not meet the intention of CGS 22a-241l:
  – “HAULER has advised the customer of mandatory recycling laws and the customer has declined recycling services at this time. ____________ (Customer must initial)”
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• The following contract language would better meet the intention of CGS 22a-241l:
  – “I understand that my business must separate and recycle all designated recyclables pursuant to CGS 22a-241l.
    I am declining the recycling services offered by this waste hauler as I have a separate contract in place for the collection of recyclables. Our designated recyclables are being collected by ______________________.”
“Sufficient” Recycling Programs

• What is parallel or “equal” collection of recyclables? What is sufficient? This is not always a clear-cut answer...

• Many factors to consider, including:
  ▪ Number of recycling bins provided
  ▪ Size of those recycling bins
  ▪ Location of those recycling bins
  ▪ Frequency of collection of those recycling bins
“Sufficient” Recycling Programs

• DEEP expects haulers to work with their customers to develop sufficient programs by:
  – providing both trash & recycling bins and collection frequency (for both) that meet the generation rates of the customer
  – Providing instructions on what materials to place in the recycling bins

• **Bottom Line** – If more than an inadvertent amount of recyclables is ending up in the trash bins, there’s a good chance that program is not sufficient to comply with the law