



Governor's Recycling Working Group
Hauler/Industry Overview & Thoughts
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CT Recycling Working Group, 10/9/12

- We are a trade group of private companies and equipment/product manufacturers for America's \$60 billion a year waste/recycling industries.
- 45 year old DC based group; EIA, NSWMA, WASTECH. Programs include: Chapters; Safety; Landfill Institute; Women's and Chairman's Council; FILA; Awards & Drivers of the Year; Specific Issue Committees, ex, EPR, C&D, etc.
- 500 members; 25 staff; 3 regional offices; 35+ chapters; members manage the majority of the country's waste and recyclable materials.



Sea Change in industry over last 40+ years

Old Reality: Love Canal; mixing of chemical, industrial and household wastes; the Mobro waste barge; leaching, unlined landfills; Superfund sites; and more.

New Reality: RCRA, EPA, DEEP regulated, and we are now a fully permitted and well run industry meeting strict standards that protect the environment and the public health and safety everyday.



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- Northeast waste and recycling services marketplace is diverse; it is robust; it is highly regulated; it has public sector and private operators; and it is fiercely competitive (and political).
- NSWMA companies from our medium and small members to our big, multi-state and regional members, play and will continue to play a major role in making the northeast waste and recycling services marketplace work for many years to come.

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CT Chapter, NSWMA policy formulation touchstones

As an industry, our hauling, processing and disposal companies are always changing, adapting, innovating and endeavoring to provide new and better services.

We are significant CT employers and taxpayers; we are major innovators in environmental management and improvement; we are significant truck fleet operators; and our employees and companies provide great value and service to CT citizens, municipalities, businesses and institutions.



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As the companies handling the vast majority of CT wastes and recyclables we currently are essential system stakeholders. We want to be as involved in CT's new "transformed" materials management system as we are in the management of these materials today.

- Our principal focus is, accordingly: What will the recommendations of this working group mean: 1) for our customers – the citizens, communities and businesses of CT?; 2) for the environment?; and, 3) for our employees and businesses?



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Without the actual and formal set of final proposals and recommendations of the working group being available, the CT Chapter is hard pressed to offer its support or other ideas or suggestions about how to improve on them.

That said, we will use this opportunity to offer the working group insights into the basic principles and guidelines we use when establishing our positions and policies.



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CT Chapter, NSWMA policy formulation touchstones

We believe the environment is best protected, and our customers best served, when waste and recycling systems: 1) operate under a sound enabling statute, with clear policy direction and effective and reasonable regulation; and, 2) when they are infused with the principles of choice and competition to the maximum extent possible.



CT Chapter, NSWMA policy formulation touchstones

The association agrees CT can do a better job of managing wastes, discards and recyclables. The question though is “how?” and “at what cost?”

- Climate Change/GHG reduction study – NSWMA (NY) Recycling improvements v. New organics material management systems.



CT Chapter, NSWMA policy formulation touchstones

The CT Chapter, representing waste and recycling companies as stakeholders, is appropriately sensitive to how any change to the current waste and recycling system might impact other system stakeholders, most notably municipalities, institutions, businesses and industries of CT.

- Any change(s) proposed or made to the current system should provide adequate lead time for planning and for the accommodation of the economic and administrative impacts of the changes.

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CT Chapter, NSWMA policy formulation touchstones

Chapter members are already collecting and managing wastes, discards and recyclables. As CT based companies their efforts to better and more efficiently manage these materials, is often complicated by unnecessary and burdensome regulation at both the state and local levels of government.

- The working group should address these issues and make recommendations to reduce existing and unnecessary regulatory burdens on CT waste and recycling operations.



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