Status Update on Connecticut’s Ewaste Law

Solid Waste Advisory Committee
February 22, 2011
Approved CERs Posted February 4

- Metech
- WeRecycle
- RMG Enterprise
- Universal Recycling Technologies
- Eco International
- Electronic Recyclers International

What does this mean?
Next Steps for Municipalities

- Select a CER to provide service
- Notify DEP of CER selection
- Submit your plan if you haven’t already
- Implement your plan
Selecting a CER

- All approved CERs have demonstrated compliance with the standards established in our regulations and the ability to carry out the requirements of the program
- Arrangements for other electronics devices
- Providing a storage container
- Collection scheduling
- Terms of the commitment (length, contract language, escape clause)
- Additional town concerns
  - R2 or e-steward certified?
  - Export practices?
Municipal Plans

- 159 plans submitted
- 123 plans approved
- 126 municipalities currently offering a fixed collection site
- Municipal Plan form available on DEP website.
- Submit the municipal plan if it hasn’t already been submitted
- Implement plan as approved
Notify DEP

- Once the municipality has selected a CER go to http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HZQ2NNF to notify the department of your selection.
- Municipalities must designate a recycler on the list.
- Partnerships:
  - RMG is partnering with Green Monster
  - Universal Recycling Technologies is partnering with NLR
  - ERI has proposed a partnership with e-Reclaim
Other Collection Programs

- Salvation Army and Goodwill
- Retailers - Staples and Best Buy
- Manufacturer private programs
Proposed Collection Goal

- 4 pounds per capita by 2012 statewide
- 50% of municipalities at or above the goal by 2012
- 5 pounds per capita by 2013 statewide
  - 75% of towns at 4 pounds
  - 50% of towns at 5 pounds
Other states actual collection numbers

- Maine – 6 pounds per capita in 2009
- Minnesota – 6.1 pounds per capita in 2010
- Oregon – 6.2 pounds per capita in 2010
- Washington – 5.8 pounds per capita in 2010
- Texas - .5 pounds per capita in 2009 (no TVs)
- Virginia – 1.0 pounds per capita in 2009
Examples of Connecticut Towns Currently above 4 pounds (09)

- Branford – 5.11
- Ridgefield – 5.35
- Rocky Hill – 6.47
- Southington – 4.16
- East Haddam – 6.42
- Willington – 9.96
- Weston – 5.65
- Plymouth – 5.46
Public Education

- Retailer notification at point of sale
- Press release/event
- DEP website [www.ct.gov/dep/e-waste](http://www.ct.gov/dep/e-waste)
  - General information
  - Where to recycle
- Local education – town website, signs at transfer station, town publications
Other Program Tasks

- Manufacturer
- Retailer
- Program evaluation and report to legislature
- Troubleshooting
- Enforcement
- Industry Trends – economic and legislation
- Regulation amendments
- Annual CER application process
- Regionalization
DEP Manufacturer Related Tasks

- Update manufacturer registrations due to:
  - Bankruptcies
  - Mergers and Acquisitions
  - Licensing deals
  - New companies or brands
  - Non-compliant manufacturers
  - Annual registration
- Monitor and assess manufacturer private programs
- Troubleshoot any billing issues with CERs
- Obtain market share data annually
Retailers

- May only sell products on DEP manufacturer compliant list which will be posted on the website by March 1. www.ct.gov/dep/e-waste

- Need to provide information on recycling to customer at point of sale which will include toll-free number and DEP website (information will be sent to retailers shortly)
For More Information

- [www.ct.gov/dep/e-waste](http://www.ct.gov/dep/e-waste) or helpline (888)424-4193

- Municipal and general permitting questions
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