

**State of Connecticut
Department of Environmental Protection**

**State Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee
Summary of the June 26, 2007 Meeting**



Changing the Balance

The fourth meeting of the CTDEP State Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee was held on June 26, 2007 at the CTDEP headquarters. The purpose of the meeting was to: present the workings of the Connecticut Business Environmental Council; provide re/regulatory and legislative updates; and then, breakout to subcommittee work.

Guest Lecturers

Denny Donahue, Chair and Shelly Wheller-Carreiro, Statewide Coordinator of the Connecticut Business Environmental Council, Inc. (CBEC) presented an overview of their registered non-profit organization. CBEC was formed in 1992. CBEC has worked with partners such as CRRRA and BRROF/TROC. CBEC's focus is the following:

- Increase recycling awareness;
- Improve recycling compliance levels;
- Provide educational outreach programs;
- Interface in a non-confrontational manner with waste generators;
- Encourage waste minimization efforts;
- Bestow recognition awards; and
- Promote "Buy-Recycled" effort.

CBEC's major program effort is the Waste Review Program that is currently up and running. The review process includes the: referral; initial call; review site visit; follow-up; and documentation. Typically, the referral results from an enforcement action taken at a resource recovery facility (RRF). Mr. Donahue indicated that currently, CBEC's services have been effective but that funding resources are of concern, as well as the lack of enforcement actions taking place at RRFs resulting in a lack of review taking place. Based on their operating budget, CBEC can continue offering their services through to the end of the year. Mr. Donahue presented to the Committee a proposed two-year budget of \$94,200 to ensure continued operations. Mr. Donahue concluded with emphasizing the value CBEC has to offer by providing targeted, non-threatening recycling compliance intervention, obtaining quantifiable reduction of recyclables at transfer stations, and achieving compliance successes.

Comments/issues raised by Committee members:

- It is not appropriate to characterize that no enforcement is taking place at the RRFs; monitoring is on-going at these RRFs and enforcement actions are being taken.
- It is recognized that to achieve the highest level of environmental compliance, especially for recycling requirements, predictable, timely and consistent enforcement and effective compliance assistance, where appropriate, is necessary.

Legislative and Regulatory Updates

Legislative Update: Bob Kaliszewski, Director/Office of Planning and Program Development, provided an update with regard to the Electronic Waste Law (PA 07-189) resulting from the 2007 Legislative Session. Mr. Kaliszewski summarized the new law as follows:

- Covers electronic devices (CEDs) – TVs and computers;

- Dual track producer responsibility based system: everyone must participate in the statewide system starting January 2009, and allows for privately run programs;
- Manufacturers must register annually starting January 1, 2008;
- DEP must draft regulations;
- Municipalities provide for the collection of CEDs, January 2009;
- Approved recyclers transport and recycle CEDs;
- Manufacturers pay reasonable cost of transportation and recycling;
- Orphan devices billed on pro rata market share;
- All recycling must conform to performance standards;
- Retailers provide consumers with information on recycling;
- Ban on disposal January 2011;
- Various enforcement provisions including ability to revoke registration.

Comments/issues raised by Committee members:

- DEP should allow for creative flexibility in implementing the law; not every municipality has a transfer station and there should be other avenues to use working with the private sector and/or retailers.
- What is the timeframe that the DEP is required to have regulations drafted?
 - Answer – October 2008. However, a registration mechanism for manufacturers needs to be in place by the end-of-year 2007.

Regulatory Update: Robert Isner, Director/Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance, reported on the status of draft Municipal Transfer Station and Recycling General Permit. Mr. Isner reported that through the informal comment period (as reported on at last month's Committee meeting), the DEP has received a number of comments that are currently being considered. The DEP will be redrafting this General Permit for formal public comment and it will be noticed later this summer. The DEP continues its work drafting the General Permit for Beneficial Use of Contaminated Soil and/or Sediment; it is expected that public notice for this General Permit will also be noticed later this summer.

Suggested Agenda Items for the June 26th Advisory Committee Meeting

Upcoming agenda items include the BRROF/TROC Survey on Recycling and Pay-as-you-Throw.

The full Committee Meeting ended, and the Sub-Committees subsequently met.

The next meeting is scheduled for: July 24th – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; CTDEP Headquarters, 79 Elm Street/5th Floor Phoenix Auditorium, Hartford, CT 06106.

Adjourned

Summary of minutes dated July 18, 2007.