

**PROPOSED SOLID WASTE PLANNING RULES  
MEETING NOTES  
BLUE EARTH COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER  
MANKATO, MINNESOTA  
FEBRUARY 2, 2005  
9:30-11:30**

Attendees: Dave Kronlokken, Scott Fichtner and Jean Lundquist-Blue Earth County; Jane Starz-Brown County; Al Christensen-Tri-County South; Paul Henricksen-Lyon County; Anne Gelbmann, Hank Fisher, Paul Smith-OEA

**Discussion Points:**

- Definition of Feasible and Prudent: Economics is not mentioned in the definition; where did definition come from? Not sure where OEA is trying to go with this. Appears that these rules are designed for the Lamberton project. Need economics in the definition.
- Proposed Department of Environmental Protection: Will the new department affect the proposed rule changes?
- Flexibility: Good idea to eliminate Chapter 3 of the plan and add the “menu” system which allows counties to pick options to reduce MSW disposal—allows flexibility and opportunities.
- Process: Interested in seeing SONAR and guidance document that will describe the intent of the proposed changes. The schedule looks ambitious—is it flexible?
- Content: Appears that counties will need to add items to plans. The solid waste systems are mature. The proposed rules have not simplified, but instead they have got more complicated.
- Multi-county plans: What are the legal issues concerning multi-county plans, especially when a county is not part of a joint powers board?
- Review/approval: How will the plan be reviewed for acceptance?