

PROPOSED SOLID WASTE PLANNING RULES
MEETING NOTES
OEA, ST. PAUL OFFICE
JUNE 21, 2005
1:00-3:00

Attendees: Chuck Wegner, Irv Stern-BFI, Doug Carnival-NSWMA, Mark Stoltman-Randy's Sanitation, Ryan O'Gara-SKB, Julie Ketchum, Waste Management, Hank Fisher, Anne Gelbmann, Dave Benke, Art Dunn-OEA.

Discussion Points:

- Plan amendment: Can counties do a plan amendment at any time? Suggestion was to change language 9215.0840, subp. 2 or 9215.0850, subp. 2 to stress that counties can do a plan amendment at any time during the 10 year period.
- Multi-County planning: Could counties join together and create a Master Plan (similar to the metro counties) and then create individual county plans based on the Master Plan? Does this force counties to work together? Would counties in a multi county group implement organized collection? Concern that OEA is promoting organized collection-this takes away the competitive market approach.
- 9215.0580, subp. 4 is too prescriptive-seems like it makes it more difficult to go to a landfill based system. If counties want to propose a landfill based system, will the plan be approved?
- Waste management hierarchy: Do counties have to follow the hierarchy in their plans? Do the rules infer that incineration is better than landfilling? There are two hierarchies in statute.
- Integrated solid waste management system: Concern with the definition. Does it only apply to MMSW? Is this the first time it has been defined? Suggestion was made to remove "...focused on the preferred.." and "with an emphasis on..." Does this require counties to follow the hierarchy? Include new technology in the definition.
- Construction and demolition definition: The list of materials is arbitrary-there was not consensus from the group that created that definition. OEA should track what MPCA is doing with the C&D guidance document. Suggestion was made to use the statute definition of construction waste or state in the SONAR that this definition is for planning purposes only. No definitions/waste lists were agreed upon by the group.
- Burn barrels: Beef up on-site disposal to include burn barrels.
- Definition of prudent: Reference demographic and regional differences and add economic component.
- 10 year planning: If counties are building an incinerator, they should look 20 years out and include ALL costs including transportation, transfer stations, etc.