

Solid Waste Committee

Meeting Notes – December 8, 2010
Stony Kill EEC, Wappingers Falls

Present:

Michelle Bergkamp	Ulster County RRA
Ken Brezner	NYSDEC
Bill Calogero	Dutchess County RRA
John Crews	Hudson Valley Regional Council
Sarah Garvan	Westchester, Environmental Facilities
Diana Hesse	Hudson Valley Regional Council
Terry Laibach	New York State DEC
Charles Marino	City Carting
Dennis Power	Westchester County DBF
Mary Rice	Putnam County Health Department
Gary Ritchie	Westchester County
Anna Roppolo	Rockland County Solid Waste Authority
Tim Rose	Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency
Fred Sears	City Carting
Kerri Scales	Rockland County SWMA

Guest:

Andriana Kontovrakis, Sims Recycling
John Tully, Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress
Laura Petit, Town of New Paltz Recycling Coordinator

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Ritchie conducted a round table introduction.

II. County Roundtable Briefings

Dutchess County: Bill Calogero noted the following: a) collection rates year-to-date are up slightly; b) collection of pharmaceuticals is very successful, more than 3000 pounds this year; c) enforcement needs to be increased; and d) the county's draft Solid Waste Management Plan has been submitted to the state.

Orange County: Not represented.

Putnam County: Mary Rice noted that the county's Solid Waste Management Plan has been submitted to NYSDEC, and the county's focus is now on recycling through outreach by working with schools, municipalities and haulers, with their "ideas" being solicited. Collection of pharmaceuticals is a key focus.

Sullivan County: Not represented.

Westchester County: Sara Garvan reported for Westchester and detailed the following; a) overall recycling operations continue to improve with inspections increasing and violations decreasing; b) she is focusing on grant programs; and c) the county did not cut recycling programs in the current budget.

Gary Ritchie reported that the capping of the landfill will begin Jan 2.

Ulster County: Tim Rose was introduced as the new (acting) Director of the Ulster County RRA. Michelle Bergkamp reported that the focus continues on the draft solid waste management plan. She also noted that a billboard campaign for recycling programs is underway, and they have a 5-minute recycling program video on the county's website. Ulster County is also stepping up its enforcement program, and Michelle reported that more than 100 recycling plans have been submitted by businesses.

Laura Petit (Town of New Paltz Recycling Coordinator) mentioned the current talks between the town, HVRC, and NYSDEC concerning the possibility of the town taking over the contract that the HVRC currently holds for Hudson Valley Materials Exchange's reuse program.

Rockland County: Kerri Scales said she had little to report other than that the Solid Waste Management Plan was submitted and is now being implemented.

NYSDEC: Terry Laibach reported the official NYS Solid Waste Management Plan, "Beyond Waste," has been submitted to the new (acting) NYSDEC Commissioner. She also reported to the group that she made a presentation on the NYS plan to the HVRC Board of Directors on December 7, as well as describing recent initiatives and issues that the HVRC Solid Waste Committee is focusing upon.

III. **Single Stream Discussion and Action Plan**

The final version of the Single Stream vs. Dual Stream Recycling Collection Questionnaire, relative to the overall economics, product quality, workload, etc., benefits (or advantages/disadvantages) of the two processes, was distributed, and HVRC will devise a list of waste stream operators and haulers who should receive the questionnaire. This list will be distributed to the membership, and members are asked to provide their additions and/or deletions to the list. After that, the HVRC will distribute the questionnaire to the operators for their response.

IV. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 13th at 9:30 a.m.**, with a tentative location of RCSWMA's facilities.

V. **Adjournment**