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Solid Waste Committee

Meeting Notes – September 22, 2010
Stony Kill EEC, Wappingers Falls

Present:	Mike Bemis	Ulster County RRA
	Michelle Bergkamp	Ulster County RRA
	Bill Calogero	Dutchess County RRA
	John Crews	Hudson Valley Regional Council
	Bill Cutler	Sullivan County Solid Waste
	Joe di Francisco	Rockland County Recycling Coordinator
	Sarah Garvan	Westchester County, Dept. of Environmental Facilities
	Peter Hammond	Orange County Dept. of Environmental Facilities
	Diana Hesse	Hudson Valley Regional Council
	Terry Laibach	New York State DEC, Region 3
	Charles Marino	City Carting
	Mary Rice	Putnam County Health Department
	Gary Ritchie	Westchester County, Dept. of Environmental Facilities
	Fred Sears	City Carting
	Kerri Scales	Rockland County Solid Waste Educator
	 Guest:	 Rob Rolison-Dutchess County Legislative Chairman

I. **Welcome and Introductions:**

Chairman Ritchie conducted a round table introduction.

II. **Single-Stream Discussion and Action Plan:**

A review of the discussion concerning Single Stream vs, Dual Stream Recycling relative to the overall economics: product quality, workload, etc., benefits (or advantages/disadvantages) of the two processes was again held. A Draft Questionnaire prepared by HVRC was distributed and the group decided to send their comment and suggestions to HVRC along with a list of the waste stream operators and haulers who should receive the questionnaire. This information exchange will be done via e-mail. Members were requested to identify names of those in the business the questionnaire should be directed to.

III. **County Roundtable Briefings:**

Dutchess County: Bill Calogero noted the following: a) there are two additional collection events scheduled this year and feels the volume of material is trending down; b) collection of pharmaceuticals has been successful, with more than 1500 pounds this year; and c) the county Solid Waste management plan has been released for public comment.

Orange County: Peter Hammond reported on the recent announcement concerning the significant grants and loan guarantees to Taylor for the development and construction of a bio-mass facility. He also updated the committee concerning the development of a private –public composting facility in Orange County whose impact would be regional in nature. Plans are proceeding and funding sources are being sought.

Putnam County: Mary Rice reported that the county's Solid Waste Management Plan has been submitted to NYSDEC. The county's focus for recycling is now on outreach, and there are two more HHW events scheduled this year. These events will feature a "medicine cabinet day challenge."

Sullivan County: Bill Cutler reported Sullivan has distributed two RFPs for collection bids. Sullivan also has two collection events remaining and he too noted that collection volumes are down. Electronics collections, with the proceeds going to the 4H Club in Sullivan County, are continuing.

Westchester County: The representatives from Westchester reported the following: a) the cooking oil recycling (fuel) process is under review; b) overall recycling operations continue to improve with inspections increasing and violations decreasing; and c) awaiting approval to "cap" their landfill.

Ulster County: Mike Bemis reported that the budget process for the next fiscal year was just completed. He conducted a tour of the Ulster RRA facilities and operations for the County Legislature and the local press. He also noted that there is one collection event remaining on this year's schedule.

Rockland County: Joe di Francisco reported he has been concentrating on business recycling activity, having visited 450 enterprises in the past year. The combination of 'incentives' and education is resulting in significant increases in volumes. Kerri Scales reported she is just completing a recycling guide for schools.

NYSDEC: Terry reported the NYS DEC is going through a series of organizational adjustments as a result of key retirements, and a division of Materials Management has been created. The overall NYS Solid Waste Management Plan and initiative "Beyond Waste" is in the review and comment phase.

IV. Next Meeting:

The next meeting is of scheduled for **Wednesday, December 8th at 9:30 a.m.** at the NYS DEC Stony Kill Farm Education Center in Wappingers Falls.

V. Adjournment