DNR Updates & Commodity Market Overview

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MRF Stakeholder Meeting, Dec. 13, 2021
Staffing

• New Recycling Staff: Eliza Kruszynski
  • Started in June
  • Dual LTE Waste Management Specialist
  • Focus areas: NR 544, RU evaluations, outreach, emerging waste streams

• Retirements
  • Cynthia Moore
  • Sherry Wise

• No longer subject to a hiring freeze
Legislative Audit Bureau Statewide Recycling Program Audit

- Received LAB report last Nov.
- Public hearing Feb. 2
- Official DNR response by Apr. 1

Implementing recommendations:
- Increased individual Responsible Unit (RU) evaluations
- Increased documentation of procedures
- Opening NR 544 Effective Recycling Programs
Focus Areas

- Hauler Recycling Training
- Utilizing Results of Waste Characterization Study (Food Waste diversion)
- Analyzing Results of Household Survey
- Multi-Family Property Compliance
Top Recycling Story of the Year: Commodity Values

Demand exceeding supply for fiber, plastics; historic highs for HDPE

DNR issues positive commodity value press release

Pricing (Nov)
- OCC $180/ton
- Mixed $105/ton
- Aluminum $1720/ton
- Steel $270/ton
- PETE $530/ton
- HDPE natural $1900/ton
- HDPE color $900/ton
Questions for MRFs

- Would you contribute to a monthly, confidential commodity price survey?
- Are MRF self-cert plastic categories still functional?
- Do we need...
  - #5 PP only?
  - Tubs & Lids/Olefin (#2, #4 & #5 only)?
  - Others?
- Are any obsolete?

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**Plastic Total Tons Sum of Materials**
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