


WASTE & MATERIALS MANAGEMENT STUDY GROUP –Notes: April 14, 2016


Location: Portage County Main Library Pinery Room

Member Attendance: Albee, Curry, Doverspike, Johnson, Karwoski, Meyer Smith, Morgan, Nickodem, Salisbury, Welch

DNR Staff Attendance: Carey, Coakley, Lamensky, Wolbert, Zellmer

Time/ Presenter	Topic	Follow-up/Notes
9:35 Ann Coakley	Welcome/ Approval of Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes from 2/15/16 were approved. Finalized notes can be found here on the WMM website.
9:45 Ann Coakley	DNR Updates	<p>DNR staffing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Semrau has been hired as the Waste Reduction and Diversion Coordinator (similar to Cynthia Moore’s previous position). She will start on May 16. The position will focus on administering the RU recycling program, analysis of recycling policy and increasing diversion from landfills of non-traditional materials. The southeast region supervisor position is currently open for applicants until 4/25. Cynthia Moore, who currently holds the position, will be transferring to become the south central region supervisor to fill Dennis Mack’s retirement vacancy on June 13. The first round interviews for two non-landfill waste management specialists in Green Bay and Fitchburg are scheduled for April 20. The department will be opening a rolling recruitment for engineers very soon. The first fill will be for Bizhan Sheikholeslami’s retirement vacancy. The WMM Program continues to have about 10 vacancies and will be discussing future fills. <p>Rule Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NR 538 (Beneficial Use of Industrial Byproducts) is going through an update. The first TAC meeting was on 3/25 and the next meeting is 6/1. Ed Lynch, the Hazardous Waste, Beneficial Use and Mining Section Chief, is the lead. NR 600 Series (Hazardous Waste) are also going through an update to match Federal changes. The proposed changes went out for public comment with no comments. A larger update to the NR 600 Series is also underway. <p>Legislative Updates</p> <p>Recycling grants for local governments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification that SB340 failed to pass was sent today. Amber explained this is because the Senate Bill is a companion bill and the Assembly Bill, AB515, is the one actually sent to the Governor meaning the Senate Bill is no longer moving forward. Meleesa shared that several organizations have made calls to the Governor’s Office encouraging signing and Waste Management has also sent a letter that they can share if anyone would like to see it. Amber said the Governor can line veto to change the dollar amount because it is an appropriations bill. <p>Local regulation of axillary containers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AB730 was signed by the Governor and is now Wisconsin Act 302. There was concern about how voluntary recycling may be impacted. Lynn shared that feedback from the

		<p>Wisconsin Legislative Council is that a container is no longer an “axillary container” once it has stopped being used for its intended purpose. DNR attorney review is pending.</p> <p>Other advisory groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Brownfields Study Group created two advisory subgroups about a year ago. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The contaminated soil group is working on defining “clean soil.” Clean soil is exempt from waste regulations but “clean” has not been defined. ○ One outcome of the contaminated sediments group is some internal DNR restructuring to improve consistency by moving Office of Great Lakes staff into the Remediation and Redevelopment program. • The Governor’s office is still accepting applications for those interested in being on the Council on Recycling.
<p>10:05 Brad Wolbert</p>	<p>Pending Items from Last Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open meetings: Exercise caution about discussing items that could evolve into a recommendation or decision if there is potential for a quorum or walking quorum (5 or more WMM Study Group members). • Draft charter changes: Public waste industry will be added to the list of groups the WMM Study Group may seek representation from. • Discussion of chair: Chad Doverspike and Meleesa Johnson volunteered and were appointed to serve as co-chairs with Ann Coakley until the first WMM Study Group meeting of 2017. Co-chairs will rotate on a schedule to be set. The primary responsibility of the co-chairs will be to set agendas and facilitate meetings, ensuring balanced discussion. • Lynn noted that informal meeting procedures have worked well for the Brownfields Study Group. • Alan suggested agendas include approval of agenda at discretion of chair, so chair can modify agenda during the meeting on the fly.
<p>11:10 Ann Coakley, Meleesa Johnson, Chad Doverspike</p>	<p>Discussion of Priority Issues</p>  <p>WMM topic groups.docx</p>	<p>Additional topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discontinuing monitoring at closed landfills (long term care never ends in Wisconsin but monitoring may) • Scrap tire use • Organics management • Waste to energy - not incineration • Setting a state diversion target • Recycling economics (will commodity prices continue to decrease because industry changes outpace population growth and packaging diversification challenges) • Open burning rule clarification (Rules appear contradictory in Waste, Air and Forestry Code) • Waste hierarchy adjustment (EU version) • Landfill operator certification (The department used to offer training content but no longer does. Do we need to license operators? It would be good to have a group opinion on this. It is a department alignment topic and may be time sensitive.) <p>Topics grouped into landfill, resource management and regulatory categories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Casey will send out survey asking members to rank issues in each category and two highest priority items that they would most like the group to work on. ➤ Casey will send out results of the survey in advance of the next meeting.
<p>12:05 Ann Coakley</p>	<p>Review of DNR Environmental Enforcement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The difference between an NON and an NOV is large. • An NON is a communication tool for the department as much as it is an enforcement tool. • NONs are not unusual/unexpected for complex sites. • What is the standard practice for open dumping? It would go to the WMM complaints coordinator for follow-up

	 <p>2016 Stepped Enforcement NON.ppt</p>	<p>and in some cases the complaints coordinator may send the complaint to regional staff for an inspection depending on the severity of the issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do you think there has been an upward trend in SW NONs in the last 3.5 years? Increased staff levels have resulted in more solid waste inspections and the DNR started using a statewide complaint coordinator which has improved efficiency and consistency. • Would be helpful to have EE data on the DNR Dashboard (on the web). • Is the jump from NON to NOV too big or should there be additional tools? The NON and NOV process works for the WMM Program. • Do other programs have complaint coordinators and numbers on complaints and violations? Other programs don't have a centralized complaint coordinator but Ann is encouraging it for other programs. Enforcement data on NOVs and higher are kept department wide and are available. NON data may depend on the program. • Do you know long term trends on cases going to referral? Ann has not had a proposed referral case denied. • What are some frequent NONs? For landfills it is litter control and inadequate cover. • How would the department alignment goal of looking at combining program inspection look for the WMM Program? It has not been determined yet. Jim described a current policy where solid waste staff sometimes complete hazardous waste assessments. If there is a concern, they inform the hazardous waste staff who can complete a hazardous waste inspection. The WMM Program also tries to align inspections with other programs.
12:30	Next Meeting	<p>➤ Casey will send out a doodle poll for meeting dates every other month for the rest of 2016.</p>