

Dear Goals Committee,

Thank you for agreeing to work on producing a white paper or strawman for the state solid waste management plan task force. We all have a lot of work ahead of us. As the chair, which position is certainly transferable for a very minimal consideration at any time, I would like to propose that we work together using the following guidelines;

- We assume from the beginning that our ideas, comments, suggestions, and drafts are for use by the whole group as they see fit,
- We disagree with each other by offering different solutions to waste management – it's okay to disagree, but step forward with your idea for a solution. The group can, and should, offer different options to the task force,
- We work in small increments on the white paper,
- We work electronically as much as possible, and,
- We try to keep the white paper as simple as possible.

Meetings

I would like for the group to exchange comments and meet by next Friday, October 7, 2011. Meetings by conference call if possible. We will see if ADEQ will agree to provide conference capability.

Comments, Review and Records

My initial recommendation for this process is that

1. We use the following process list and organization list from the meeting minutes to organize our initial comments
 - Statewide Solid Waste Management Plan – Proposed Structure:
 - History;
 - Goals (waste avoidance/reuse/recycling; plan for population growth and population shifts);
 - Waste Management Infrastructure (“as is” – “to be”) (urban versus rural);
 - Government Authority (Mandates versus Goals; role of ADEQ versus RSWMDs);
 - Education
 - Financial Assurance/Funding (Role of private enterprise versus government);
 - Sustainability/Measureable/Implementable
 - Processes to achieve goals:

- Sustainability / Economic Impact
 - Manufacture (Producer Responsibility)
 - Recycling
 - Waste Diversion
 - Beneficial Use
 - Funding Levels – Public versus Private
 - Use of grant funds
 - Look at all funding sources
 - Disposal Fees – Bottle Bills – E-Waste
2. Pick a topic from the above and add your comments. If we need to add additional topics, we can do so.
 3. Post your comments to the group. Please don't feel obligated to comment on every topic
 4. We will ask ADEQ to maintain records for the process

Ms. Speake's excellent minutes that were emailed to the group are copied below for your ready reference.

Regards,
Tom Fox