


WASTE & MATERIALS MANAGEMENT STUDY GROUP – Notes: February 15, 2016

Location: Fitchburg Service Center Gathering Waters Room

Attendance: Albee, Carey, Coakley, Curry, Doverspike, Johnson, Karwoski, Lamensky, Meyer Smith, Morgan, Nickodem, Salisbury,
 Welch, Wolbert, Zellmer

Guest Speakers: Bart Sponseller, DNR Environmental Management Division Administrator

Time/ Presenter	Topic	Follow-up/Notes
1:00 Ann Coakley	Call to Order and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Zellmer is the acting Waste and Materials Management Deputy Bureau Director • Bart Sponseller is the Deputy Division Administrator for the non-water related programs of the Environmental Management Division
1:05 Bart Sponseller	Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals of the group include acting as a sounding board, improving the understanding of how issues affect areas statewide, and decreasing misconceptions on the intent of the DNR
1:15 Brad Wolbert	Review of Open Meetings Law  Open Meetings Presentation.pptx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As this group is a government body, open meetings law must be complied with • WI open meeting law requires 24 hour notice to the public and a meeting location that is open to the public and can accommodate everyone (including accommodating the public on facility tours taken by the government body) • Convening of half of the group or more, including calls and shared e-mail chains, is considered a meeting. Do not “reply all” to emails about group business • Avoid negative quorums. For example, if the group decided that any votes need to be decided by a 2/3 majority instead of a plain majority then open meeting rules would apply to a meeting of 4 or more • There is no requirement that the public be given the opportunity to speak • Meleesa asked if there is concern over AROW Board meetings because four Study Group members are on the AROW Board and they will need to discuss the work of the WMM Study Group at those meetings. • John asked about concerns of the leaders of WCSWMA, SWANA, and AROW emailing each other about issues that overlap with the Study Group. <p>➤ Brad will look into these questions as well as concerns over a walking quorum for people involved in multiple organizations.</p>
1:30 Brad Wolbert	Discussion of Charter	Recommended changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflect a focus on NR 500 series issues rather than solid waste • Define when the group works with the DNR and when they work with legislature • Remove mission statement reference – may create one in the future but not required • Specify that Study Group seats associated with organizations will continue to represent the organizations in the case of member turnover Keep as is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWIP meetings (will continue)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public participation (at any time during meetings , as recognized by the chair) • Meeting frequency (3-6 per year) <p>Undecided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson – decision on if group will have chair or co-chairs to lead the Study Group with Ann Coakley will continue next meeting <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While the group may have topics that overlap with the Council on Recycling the organizations are not associated. The COR is staffed by the DNR which will help reduce overlapping work. • Member emails will be shared with group members and on the website ➤ Changes to the charter will be made and sent to group members prior to the next meeting. The goal is to finalize the charter at the next meeting. ➤ Lynn will look into the Brownfields Study Group Co-chair set up and a discussion on Chairperson/Co-Chairs will continue next meeting.
<p>2:00 Jim Zellmer</p>	<p>Discussion of Priority Issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved consistency in approvals and code interpretation (4) • Encouraging C&D recycling/ Concerns with C&D landfills (4) • Use of alternatives for landfill caps, daily cover, construction materials and closure schedules (3) • Recycling funding for RUs (2 & 1 nonmember); diversion of recycling funds for non-recycling purposes • Glass management (2) • Increasing options for using painted/treated wood as boiler fuel • Encouraging use of fines/drywall as fill and for animal bedding • Encouraging alternative options for dredge disposal • Improved clarity on landfill siting near wetlands • Foster the most sustainable waste and materials system we can • Encourage Wisconsin’s leadership in converting waste to resources—how can NR 500 improve this? • Adopting materials management to the changing waste stream • How to define success in recycling – think beyond Table 1 materials • Cleaning up long term care and closure fee language • Acknowledging recycling success outside of landfill banned materials • Fostering knowledge transition at DNR through retirement transitions (1 nonmember) ➤ Additional suggestions can be submitted to Brad Wolbert. The discussion on priorities will continue next meeting.
<p>2:40 Ann Coakley</p>	<p>DNR Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casey Lamensky has been hired as the new Solid Waste Coordinator • The Waste Reduction and Diversion Coordinator position is posted until Feb 21 • Two new Waste Management Specialists for non-landfill recycling and solid waste work will be hired • Dennis Mack, South Central Region Supervisor, is retiring. Jim Zellmer will be covering in the interim. • All WMM subprograms have been evaluated which is leading to some changes. Waste specialists will be focused on one subprogram, hydrogeologists and engineers will focus on landfill work. • NR 538, Beneficial Reuse of Industrial Byproducts, is going through a rule rewrite • The DNR is also going through a department wide realignment. Changes will be announced to staff and

		then go out for public comment.
2:55 Casey Lamensky	Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A doodle poll will be sent out for dates in early April in a central location