

**SUBJECT:** Waste Materials Use and Disposal Strategy

**FOR:** APRIL, **2007** **BOARD MEETING**

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Suzanne Bangert & Arthur A. (Tony) Vogel, Jr.

**SUMMARY:**

At their March, 2005 meeting, the Natural Resources Board directed the Department of Natural Resources to develop a Wisconsin Comprehensive Strategy on Materials Use and Disposal. The Board directed the department to report its findings and make recommendations to the Board by March, 2007. This information item defines the department's work to date, and suggests proposed action for a Board meeting in May or June.

The Department of Natural Resources, Waste & Materials Management Program has worked with and supported a Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Waste Materials Recovery and Disposal (Task Force). The charge to the Task Force was to study and make recommendations regarding the management (use, reuse, recycling, disposal) of waste materials in Wisconsin to address the economic and environmental costs, as well as to maximize the productive use of waste materials and ensure toxic and non-toxic waste materials are managed in a way that minimizes environmental impacts today and into the future. The Task Force was also charged to consider the roles of Wisconsin municipalities, businesses and residents in the use, management and disposal of waste. Stakeholders from environmental groups, industry, academia, local governments and waste industry were members of the Task Force. Department staff provided expertise and support. The Task Force reached consensus on a broad sweeping set of recommendations integrated around a vision for waste materials management in Wisconsin. The report is enclosed, and can be found on-line at: [www.wasteresources.wisconsin.gov](http://www.wasteresources.wisconsin.gov)

The recommendations will be presented, and the department will discuss strategies for moving this comprehensive package forward for action at a Board meeting in May or June.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:**

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| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required                              | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo                                       | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

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