

Integrated Solid Waste Stakeholder Process Panel Discussion

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MPCA's Role in the Process

- MPCA contracted with MEI to conduct the process (based on MCCAG findings and 2007 SW Policy Report)
- MPCA was represented on the work group by Deputy Commissioner Tim Scherkenbach (alternate: Prevention & Assistance Division Director Dave Benke)
- MPCA staff provided research and technical support throughout the process
- MPCA staff also coordinated the Centroid process during the summer

Centroid Work

- Occurred Summer 2009 during Work Group break
- Calculated GHG releases from current Waste Management system – “Business as Usual”
- Created a list of up to 3 proposals per centroid composed of multiple strategies (statewide and local)
- Documented the feasibility of the proposals - using information available now
- Reported back to the MPCA’s Stakeholder Work Group

Centroid Proposals

Method	Metro		St. Cloud		Duluth		Rochester	
	2005 Baseline	2025 Target	2005 Baseline	2025 Target	2005 Baseline	2025 Target	2005 Baseline	2025 Target
Source Reduction (cumulative)	0%	5.9%	0%	5.49%	0%	5.77%	0%	2%
Recycling	38%	55%	53%	60%	47%	59.9%	35%	40%
Organics	3%	7%	0%	0%	0.1%	5.4%	0%	2%
WTE	27%	33%	6%	32%	0%	33.2%	40%	55%
Landfill	32%	5%	41%	8%	53%	1.5%	25%	1%
GHG Results		-47.1 MMTCO₂e		-2.5 MMTCO₂e		-3.7 MMTCO₂e		-2 MMTCO₂e

Takeaways from the Process

- Work group and centroid members put forth significant efforts and should be commended
- Reaffirmed upper end of the hierarchy has most potential for environmental and other benefits
- To reach MCCAG goals, much work needs to be done, quickly.
- Centroid proposals reached the goal
- Polarizing issues still exist

2010 and Beyond

- MPCA committed to consider the group's recommendations in its future work
- Reports to legislature will include stakeholder report:
 - 2009 Solid Waste Policy Report in Jan. 2010
 - 2009 Metropolitan Area Policy Plan in Mar. 2010
- MPCA will also:
 - Provide technical assistance on projects in the centroid regions
 - Work with metro counties to implement policies from Policy Plan and review options in governance (conducting study with SWMCB in 2010)

Questions or comments?

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