

**The Organics Council Steering Committee
Conference Call
September 29, 2005
2:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

Attended by:

John Frederick, PROP
Amy Cicchillo, PROP
Cary Oshins, Lehigh County
Tim Bollinger, Lehigh County
Patti Olenick, DEP
Dan Eichenlaub
Jan Arnold, Blair County

Tim opened the meeting.

It was decided that the title for our November meeting is "Update & Interaction with DEP."

Topics for November meeting: an introduction* to Organics Council and Manufactured Soils Conference, an overview of DEP responsibilities, incentives for using compost, discussion on the new general permit, post consumer food waste and why there are such permitting differences, important issues for composters, compost infrastructure grants' opening in October for private businesses (some do's and don'ts for getting a grant). * A 15-minute overview by Rich Stehouwer and Foundry Sand people will be given as part of the introduction.

PROP is going to invite Dan Desmond, Larry Holly, Steve Socash, Steve Riesinger, new bureau director, and Warren Weaver, Executive Director of the Recycled Market Center. All DEP people who have composting-related responsibilities will be invited.

Patti recommended they be e-mailed ASAP.

The meeting will be held November 9 or 10 at Rachel Carson Building. Patti will make the room reservation. PROP will send out invitations in the next day or two. Patti will send everyone's e-mail address to John.

Cary mentioned the E&S classes and that there were many engineers interested in using compost but what incentives can be used locally for these folks to spec compost? The consulting engineers are writing the specs. There was also some discussion on the E&S manual.

The new general permit incorporated input from PROP's Organics Council members but this information has not been promoted yet. It will be discussed at the November meeting.

Cary added that a future topic could be "Current compost research highlights."

John recommended Patti compile a DEP Organizational Flow Chart for the meeting.

Meeting Overview: "Meet and greet" -- 10 am
10 am to 12:30 -- meeting
12:30 -- lunch
1:30 pm to 3 pm -- board meeting.
Afterward: some discussion with participants and DEP on issues.

We will get the agenda this week. Follow-up will be completed via e-mail.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Arnold
Acting Secretary