

PROP Organics Council

Tuesday, May 9, 2006

10 am – 2 pm

PA-DEP South Central Office

Harrisburg, PA

Attending:

Tim Bollinger, Lehigh County

Warren Weaver, PA Recycling Markets Center

Bob Bylone, PA Recycling Markets Center

Ken Thornton, PENNDOT

Patti Olenick, PA-DEP

Dan Lapato, PA-DEP

Nadine Davitt, PSU

Rick Stehouwer, PSU

Larry Holley, PA-DEP

Amy Cicchillo, PROP

Jack Himes, PennTAP

Dan Eichenlaub, AgRecycle, Inc.

Carla Castagnero, AgRecycle, Inc.

Mike Giuranna, EPA

Robert Graves, PSU

Carl Hursh, PA DEP

I would like to start off the minutes with a sincere apology for not informing some of the Organics Committee members about this meeting. I was having e-mail difficulties and did not know that some members were erased from my distribution list. Along with these minutes is a list of current committee members to the best of my knowledge. Please contact me with any changes to this list.

To begin the meeting Warren Weaver gave a presentation to committee members concerning Organics Initiatives that the PA Recycling Markets Center hopes to undertake. He asked the committee for comments and additional feedback on these initiatives. I have attached the contents of the presentation. Please contact Warren Weaver (contact information also attached) for any comments or questions regarding this presentation.

Patti Olenick announced that the deadline for the Compost Infrastructure Grants has passed. The DEP received 16 applications which will be reviewed shortly.

Dan Lapato gave an update on the new General Permit #25 that is coming up for renewal. Dan announced that there are going to be additional feedstocks added to the updated GP and polled the committee for comments regarding the GP. For additional information about GP 25, please contact Dan at dlapato@state.pa.us or at 717-772-3378.

The Council came to consensus that to align itself with all other PROP Committees, the Organics Council will now be called the Organics Committee. The Organics Education Sub-Committee, Organics Markets Sub-Committee and the Organics Government Sub-Committee have been dissolved. However, this does not change the fact that we can still have special small groups with an Organics Education, Organics Government & Organics Marketing focus work on special projects. We still have our point people for each area who are: Government – Dan Eichenlaub; Markets – Jim Bednarski; Education – Cary Oshins/Patti Olenick. These small groups can still continue to work on any outstanding projects as well as future projects.

The committee members discussed plans for the next Manufactured Soils Conference. It was preliminarily decided that we hope to have a 5th Manufactured Soils Conference in September of 2007. There was some talk to change the name so suggestions are welcome. We hope to pair the 2007 conference with an equipment demonstration. We would also like to get other agencies involved in the planning process such as the Foundry Sand Association, Ag Association, Waste News staff, etc. Anyone interested in helping to plan the event may contact Rick Stehouwer at the contact information attached.