

**PROP Organics Council Minutes
Highville Fire Company
Lancaster, PA
Monday, September 22, 2003**

Attending:

Contact sheet attached

- Joyce Hatala, Organics Council Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- John Frederick discussed the Department of Agriculture Grant. Dan Eichenlaub discussed the primary activities PROP performed under the grant. PROP had to give \$2,000 back due to the fact that we did not have enough time to spend it all.
- Al Rattie & PROP sent out notes to County Recycling Coordinators to send PROP updated information for the Compost Directory. Doug and PROP's new intern may be able to help with the directory. There was talk of partnering with PENNDOT on the project.
- Rick Stehouwer discussed the Manufactured Soils Conference. Publicity should be our main focus at this stage.
- John and Cary discussed PROP's conference that was held in Erie this year. This was the first conference with a compost track. We had a good turnout and the conference was a success. We need to have a separate sub-committee for the compost track at the next conference. Contact Cary Oshins to serve on this committee.
- John talked about the Act 175 Plan. The Organics Task Force is an Appendix to the Plan.
- The committee discussed the PENNDOT specifications for compost. Patti announced that PENNDOT is adopting national specifications for E&S Control. We would like to invite someone from PENNSOT to attend a future meeting.
- The committee talked about inviting Rob Shannon from PSU to speak at our next meeting.
- The next meeting will be held on December 10 at the Wildwood Conference Center. The following meeting will be held on March 30 at Penn State.
- Below are minutes from the Technology Committee as well as the Markets Committee.

Technology Committee Minutes as submitted by Rick Stehouwer:

Al Rattie told us about the possible compost use demonstration projects that will be conducted in each of the PennDOT regions. These are projects that the Technology Committee could get involved with.

Rick Stehouwer and Chris Moyer talked about the research/demonstration project concerning use of spent foundry sand in manufactured soils. They are looking for sites and partners to set up field demonstrations approximately 18 months from now and are also looking for sources of additional funding to expand the demonstration and outreach parts of the project. They will be looking at various state grant possibilities and will need the support of the Technology Committee and the Organics Council in soliciting state funds for this effort.

Markets Committee Minutes as submitted by Jeanne Weil

Follow up from last meeting:

Ann Wolf previously e-mailed some information to committee members regarding compost specifications.

Jim Bednarski related some information that he collected from area compost users:

- several entities used compost from Manheim Township, a yard waste compost. The township uses PennDOT specs.
- Millersville University uses compost but with no knowledge about the compost other than it was from Manheim.
- One golf course also uses the Manheim compost with no specifications.
- One golf course did not use compost at all.
- A Landscape Architect firm had no specifications for compost.

New Items:

Discussed the compost directory:

- PROP was previously working on a compost directory for the state of PA. But ran out of funding before the task could be completed.
- USCC is currently seeking a grant from PA DEP for funding to restart the project. USCC will be the administrator of the funds while Al Rattie and PROP will do the work. Everyone is ready to move forward once they get the check; estimated arrival of check is an unknown factor.
- Surveys were sent out to all of the County Recycling Coordinators requesting information. Not all were returned. Will take some phone calls and extra work to get all of the information needed for the directory. Cooperative Extension and DEP Regional staff are possible sources of additional information. Also, word of mouth among the industry should be promoted.