

Waste Work Group Meeting  
July 14, 2008

Attendees:

Susan Rodgers, Hallmark Cards, Inc.  
Kathy Richardson, Waste Reduction and Recycling  
Charlie Sedlock, Hamm Landfill  
Bob Yoos, Solid Waste Manager  
Tammy Bennet, Public Works Department  
Dwayne Fulhage, Prosoco  
Laura Roth, KDHE

Reminder to all members, we need to stay goal-oriented – not process oriented.

Charlie reported that the landfill is starting a 6 month plan phase for methane collection. The methane generated by the landfill is passively vented through the cap. It is considered a poor quality gas. At this point the collection effort will probably focus on flaring off, however, the ideal would be to collect and use it to produce electricity.

The focus of the group should be on waste reduction since this will lead to reduction or elimination of collection, transport, etc.

We need to establish a goal statement at our next meeting.

Charlie reported that the landfill measures by weight.

Laura wondered how other cities are measuring their waste reduction. What form does their goal take? She reported that the State of Vermont is doing a lot of work on source reduction.

Chris agreed that source reduction should be a target.

Laura stated that the goal statement should include diversion as well as source reduction. Diversion doesn't need municipal infrastructure.

Bob reported that the city and KU are the biggest trash producers. KU has food, housing facilities, athletic stadiums, etc. Other industries including Hallmark and Packer Plastic don't generate a lot of waste. The hospital produces some waste. Big box stores are also big recyclers.

Suggestion on starting a new group – Industrial waste exchange.

Laura felt we may need to define source reduction.

Bob stated there is a lot of food and bottle waste from bars and restaurants in the downtown sector. There are lots of big apartment complexes also that generate waste.

For the next meeting:

- Finalize goal statement

- Review Tammy's overview

- Bob will provide a list of the top 10 – 15 contributors. He believes it is about 40% residential, 60% industry including KU, C&D, etc.

- Laura will report on waste metrics.