

State Plan Update

2nd Draft – Final Comments

W2RAC Meeting

March 17, 2015

Today's Discussion

- Process and Drafts
- Comments
 - Who we heard from, what we heard, and our response
- Next Steps



State Waste Plan Update Timeline



**Initial
Stakeholder
Input
Sept 2013 –
Jan 2014**

1st Draft Written

**Stakeholder
Input on
1st Draft
Aug –Sept
2014**

2nd Draft Written

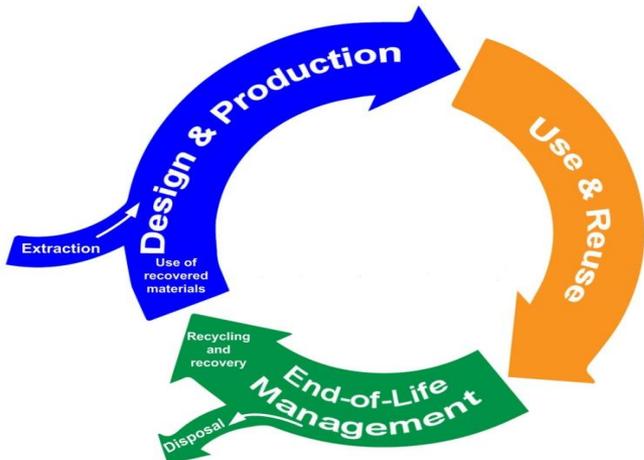
**Stakeholder
Input on
2nd Draft
Jan – Feb.
2015**

**Plan Update
Complete!
May/June 2015**

1st Draft vs 2nd Draft

■ 1st Draft

- Plan Introduction
- New structure
- Goals & actions for 5 sections



■ 2nd Draft

- Executive Summary
- Plan Introduction (Framework & Foundations)
- Introductions in 5 sections
- Goals & actions for 5 sections
- Glossary
- Plan Name

Plan Name

- **The State Solid & Hazardous Waste Plan**
 - **Moving Washington Beyond Waste & Toxics**
 - 2014 update became 2015 update

Plan Sections & Subsections

- **Managing Hazardous Waste & Materials**
 - Pollution Prevention
 - Compliance & Compliance Assistance
 - Permitting & Corrective Action
 - Small Volume Hazardous Materials & Wastes (MRW)
- **Managing Solid Wastes & Materials**
 - Solid Waste System Issues
 - Solid Waste Materials & Infrastructure
 - Organic Materials & Infrastructure
- **Reducing Impacts of Materials & Products**
- **Measuring Progress**
- **Providing Outreach & Information**

Plan Priorities

- Move upstream by increasing focus on manufacturing and use phases, not just on end-of-life issues
- Reduce toxic threats in products and industrial processes
- Increase efficiency of recycling and composting systems, and maximize effectiveness of the existing solid and hazardous waste infrastructure
- Mitigate climate change through waste reduction, reuse and recycling

Resource Reminder...

- We do not have all the resources we need to do this work
- Working on prioritizing specific goals and actions in our program planning process



Comments: Who We Heard From

- 2 Local Gov't JHD
- 6 Local Gov't SW
- 2 SW Companies
- 6 NGOs*
- 6 ECY Staff
- 1 WA State Agency
- 1 State University
- 1 OR State Agency
- 4 citizens (1 not from WA)*

Total: 29

*3 of the NGOs and all 4 citizens were commenting specific to the biosolids goal

Comments: No Major Changes

- Continued support overall
- Appreciation for changes made from 1st draft
- Continued support for most goals & actions
 - *Still a few more additional ones requested*
- Many MORE good suggestions for improving language and clarity

What drew the most comments?

- Oh, pooh! It was biosolids....
 - 3 NGOs and 4 citizens commented specific to biosolids (1 not from WA)
 - Commenters want to stop land applications
 - That is not current plan or policy for WA or Feds
 - Plan does call for more research and outreach



Hazardous Waste and Materials

Section includes

- Pollution Prevention, Compliance, Permitting, Corrective Action, MRW
 - Increase coordination with Local Source Control and Local Governments
 - Added local HW Plans
 - Reduce contamination in MRW so can recycle more
 - Provide TA for take back facilities

Solid Waste & Materials

System Issues includes:

- Finance research
- Statewide WRR goals
- Local plans and grants
- **No big changes**

Materials & Infrastructure Section includes:

- Waste reduction, reuse, lots on recycling (curbside, markets, services, etc)
- Litter & marine debris
- Sham recycling
- Facilities: permitted, exempt, landfills open & closed
- **This section took a lot of work for 1st draft comments, not too many on 2nd draft**
- **Continue to emphasize legitimate recycling**

Organics Section

Section includes

- Connecting Organics to Agriculture & Water
- Improving Organics Infrastructure, Products, & Markets
- Biosolids -- high-quality, well-utilized, educate to address misconceptions
- Most comments minor -- except for biosolids

Reducing Impacts of Materials & Products

Goals and actions on:

- EPP; Product Stewardship / EPR
- Design of products / packaging for recycling, reuse
- PBTs and other toxics in products; CPSA and other product laws
- Reduce non-point sources of toxic pollution
- **People really like this section – no big changes**

Product Stewardship / EPR

- Clarify terms – Product Stewardship /EPR to match national standard
- Keep 'hard-to handle' as this is EPR/PS national terminology
- Keep just in Product Stewardship / EPR in MRW and Reducing Impacts sections.
 - Did not add to Solid Waste & Materials section as focus is toxics

Measuring Progress

Section includes:

- Data on chemicals of concern
- Data to evaluate efficiency, effectiveness and environmental justice of ECY activities
- Tracking flow of materials from manufacture to discard
- We did lots of editing from 1st to 2nd draft – condensing, combining
- **People liked the changes – few comments**

Providing Outreach & Information

Section Includes:

- Waste reduction, recycling, composting, toxics in products, Environmental Justice
- Comments stressed collaborative work for messaging. We are strengthening this intent
- People support this, but program resources are limited... We will look for ways to accomplish this work

Environmental Justice

- Clarify not just translation but “culturally relevant”
- Define “underserved”
- Working with our EJ person to do this correctly

Next Steps

- Finish making changes from comments
- SEPA
- Editing, layout and management review
- Publish!
- and...



Implementation!

"Plans are only good intentions unless they immediately degenerate into hard work."

- Peter Drucker



*"Enough with all the strategic planning.
Get out there and kill something."*

Thank You!

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