

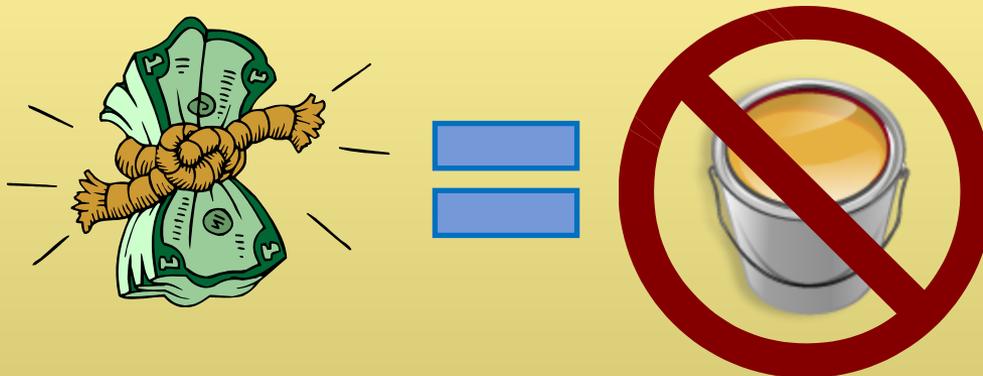
PAINT PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

**A Collection Program
Perspective**

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SHARED ISSUES, DIFFERENT DECISIONS

- It works for my program; it might be wrong for yours
- Shrinking revenue equals painful choices
- Other Factors: demographics, historical precedent, waste management contracts, ILA's, etc.



KITSAP COUNTY WA

- Population 250,000
- MRW Program in 2010
 - 8,277 HHW Customers
 - Latex Paint = 32%
 - Oil Based Paint = 30%
 - 194 CESQG's – 304 Appointments
 - Latex Paint = 15%
 - Oil Based Paint = 24%
- Percentages stay within 5% from year to year



WHY DOES KITSAP COUNTY STILL TAKE LATEX PAINT?

- Because we can still afford it (for now)
- Because it gets the public to bring the bad stuff too
- Because of our customer demographic
- Because YES, public perception actually does matter
 - So do employee interactions with the public
 - So does our reuse program



WASTE MANAGEMENT QUESTION:

- If we stopped taking latex, we'd ask the public to change its composition from a liquid to a (semi) solid.
- Do we ask the public to do that for any other waste stream as common and low-risk as latex paint?



PAINT PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

- Basic Elements of Oregon-Style Program
- Unique Industry Buy-In
- Suspicions of Industry Buy-In
- BIG ISSUES:
 - Use of HHW Facilities, Retail or Both? Who Decides?
 - Collection Costs: Paid or Not?



KITSAP COUNTY PERSPECTIVE

- Transportation and Disposal Savings
- Maintenance of a VERY Popular Program
- Frees up time and labor, and reduces the stress of facility staff.
 - Why this is important



THANK YOU



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