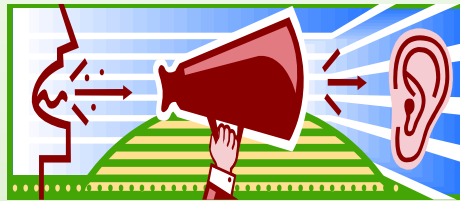


Beyond Waste Plan 2009 Draft Update



Summary of Public Comments

For State SWAC - May 19, 2009

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Beyond Waste Plan 2009 Update

- Five year update to:
 - More closely align plan with state priorities
 - More focus on prevention and stewardship
 - Keep recommendations and milestones on track to meet 30 year goals
 - Include lessons learned
 - Meet legal requirements



Plan Update Public Comment

- March (and April) 2009
- About 20 commenters
- Most through on-line form
- Also got a few letters, phone calls, emails, comments at meetings

Who Commented?

- Local governments
 - King, Snohomish, Thurston, Kitsap Counties, Seattle; Westside MRW coordinators
- Environmental organizations
 - WCRC, Built Green
- State government
 - Departments of Health, Printing, Parks, Natural Resources
- Other
 - One business and one citizen

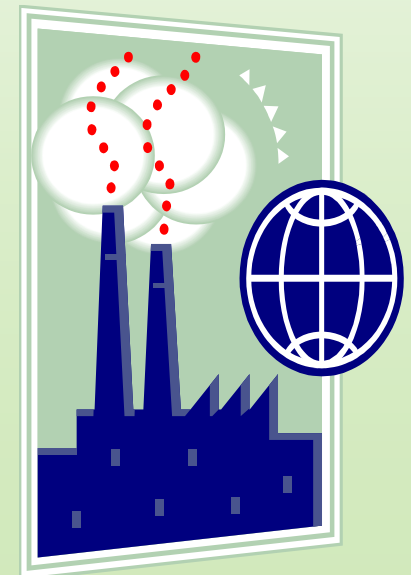


Overarching Comments

- Comments were mostly supportive and wanting us to be even more ambitious
- Want even more focus on prevention and product stewardship
 - Don't just rely on product stewardship framework
- Clarify timelines and roles for Ecology, locals, others
- Add more measurements

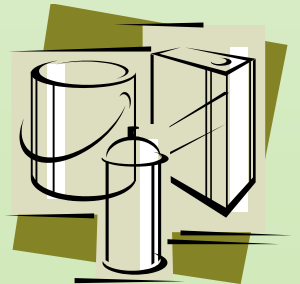
Industries Initiative Comments

- Require product composition disclosure
- Need more strategy for sustainable product development
- Set goal for at least three more products to be covered by product stewardship
- Add third-party certification as important education tool



MRW Initiative Comments

- Pesticides recommendation had the most comments and concerns. Non-synthetic term removed
- Make room for emerging issues – pharmaceuticals, personal care products, etc.
- Keep local government role in managing MRW
- More on product stewardship
- Require product composition disclosure



Organics Initiative Comments

- Organics management hierarchy needs clarification and stakeholder involvement
- Bio-energy needs clarification; especially role that hierarchy will play
- Add focus on food waste prevention
 - Added new milestone on edible food diversion



Green Building Initiative Comments

- Add more focus on building reuse and salvage
- Include end-of life management for green building products
- Make many milestones even more ambitious
- Include design for disassembly and embodied energy concepts



Current Solid Waste Issues Comments

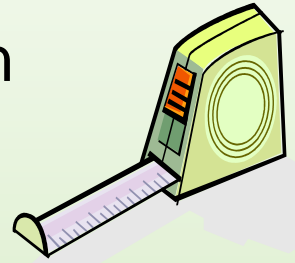
- Technical nutrient cycle needs more clarification and strategizing
 - Include product stewardship role and producer cost-sharing
 - Address bio-plastics
- New packaging recommendation needs to aim higher
- Call for more leachate testing



Other Initiative Comments

- **Measuring Progress Initiative:**

- Include more role for locals in data collection and measuring progress
- Switch one recommendation and milestone




- **Hazardous Waste Issues:**

- Concerns with how best to deal with SQG wastes and TSD facilities



Suggestions for New Milestones

- EPEAT (Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool)
- Mercury lamp breakage
- Food waste diversion and large municipalities
- Product stewardship for carpets
- Bio-based plastics
- Pharmaceuticals
- Emerging issues
- Green jobs



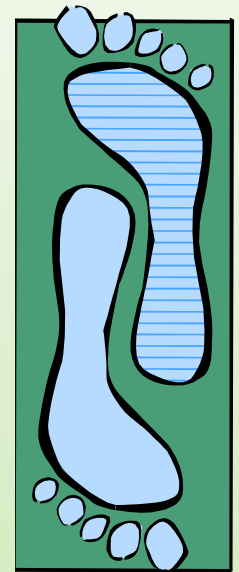
*These will be in
the plan, but not
as milestones...*

Integrating Comments

- Tried to be more ambitious were suitable
- Added more prevention
- Added more product stewardship
- Added more measurements
- Took many of the wording changes
- Will clarify timelines and roles in the implementation section

Next Steps

- Writing, writing, writing!
 - Input comments; Update introduction and other text; Write implementation plan
- Editing, editing, editing!
- Back to Ecology management
- Back to SWAC in September
- Plan to be done Dec, 2009



Thank You!

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- **Questions?**

