

Mercury Light Recycling Program Recommendations

ESHB 1244 2009-2011 Operating Appropriations (page 108) Section 302

The legislature directed Ecology to “develop recommendations for a convenient and effective mercury-containing light recycling program for residents, small businesses, and small school districts throughout the state.”

Financing options that the department is considering:

- Producer-funded program
- Recycler-supported or recycle fee program
- Consumer fee at the time of purchase
- General fund appropriations
- Currently existing dedicated account
- Utility fee
- Rate base
- Local sales tax

In order to recommend “a convenient and effective” program, we chose to look at the following collection options:

- Retailer return
- Mail back
- Curbside collection
- Recycling depots
- Existing reuse collection network
- Performance based

Process:

1. Develop draft report that will include alternative recommendations by September 2009. This report will be based on existing information.
2. Distribute draft report to stakeholder group and receive comments regarding preferred approaches through a stakeholder meeting September 16, 2009.
3. Draft final recommendations and distribute to stakeholders, receiving final comments that will be included in the report to the legislature by the end of October 2009.
4. Deliver final draft to OFM the first week in November.
5. Deliver final recommendations to the legislature December 1, 2009.

Report Outline (first draft available)

Executive Summary - to be developed

Part 1 – Overview

History and Background

Review of Existing Mercury Containing Light Recycling Programs

Other Considerations

Part 2 – Alternatives

Financing Alternative

Collection Alternatives

Part 3 – Recommendations – to be developed

May add a section on policy options. This depends on the options chosen for recommendations. (E.g. stand alone law, WEEE directive style, combine with electronics recycling law, etc).

Stakeholders “At the Table”

Name	Affiliation
Brad Boswell or Kent Stoddard	Waste Management, Inc.
Brad Lovaas	Washington Refuse & Recycling Association
Camille Martin	Avista Utilities
Carrie Dolwick	Northwest Energy Coalition
Charles Brown	Cascade Government Affairs, for National Electrical Manufacturers Association
Craig Lorch	Total Reclaim/EcoLights Northwest
Dick Lilly	Seattle Public Utilities
Gary Smith	Independent Business Association of Washington State
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Jennifer Ewert	Home Depot
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Lauren Cole	King County Solid Waste Division
Margaret Shield	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County
Mark A. Kohorst	National Electrical Manufacturers Association
Mark Johnson	Washington Retail Association
Ric Erdheim	Philips Electronics
Scott Windsor	City of Spokane
Sego Jackson	Snohomish County
Senator Craig Pridemore	Washington State Senate
Suellen Mele	Washington Citizens for Resource Conservation
Tom Kuehn	Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
Vicki Austin	Washington Refuse & Recycling Association