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**Solid Waste Master Plan
Workgroups and Meeting Schedules
February and March 2009**

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has scheduled a series of workgroup meetings to support and inform MassDEP's development of a new Solid Waste Master Plan for Massachusetts. MassDEP has established seven separate workgroups, each of which will meet up to three times during late February and March. These focused workgroup meetings are a follow-up to the six more general meetings MassDEP held around the state in December and January.

In order to schedule these meetings most effectively, MassDEP sent a "Survey Monkey" inquiry to several hundred stakeholders and received 82 responses. Many respondents expressed interest in participating in multiple workgroups, so the meetings have been scheduled so that none conflict. The survey results showed a general preference for meeting during the day – only 28 of the 82 respondents expressed interest in evening meetings and 17 of these generally could attend a morning or afternoon meeting.

Boston was the top choice for a meeting location (59% listed Boston as their preferred location). Therefore, for the most part, the meetings have been scheduled in Boston during the day. However, for certain workgroups, many respondents expressed interest in meeting outside of Boston. Therefore, for four groups, we have scheduled one of the three meetings in Worcester. At the first meeting of each workgroup, MassDEP will check with participants to determine if the group participants want to change the location of subsequent group meetings.

Based on these survey results, MassDEP has scheduled the workgroups for the meeting dates, times, and locations listed below. Please RSVP to the staff persons indicated to let them know whether you plan to participate in a workgroup. MassDEP has posted a scope for each workgroup describing key issues and questions on our website at <http://www.mass.gov/dep/public/committee/swmpwkgp.htm>. MassDEP also will post meeting handouts on this web page, so that anyone unable to attend a workgroup meeting can review materials and submit comments to the staff person leading the workgroup. MassDEP looks forward to your continued participation and input!

1. Reducing Waste Generation

This workgroup will delve into various ways of reducing waste, including appropriate roles for manufacturers, retailers, government entities, and consumers. The workgroup will also research what has worked well in other jurisdictions.

Lead: Greg Cooper, greg.cooper@state.ma.us

Please RSVP to: John Fischer, john.fischer@state.ma.us

Meeting #1: Tuesday, March 3, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.,
[MassDEP Boston office](#), 2nd floor conference room

Meeting #2: Wednesday, March 11, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.,
[MassDEP Boston office](#), 2nd floor conference room

Meeting #3: Wednesday, March 25, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.,
[MassDEP Boston office](#), 2nd floor conference room

2. Education

This workgroup will explore effective ways of getting the “reduce/reuse/recycle” message out to the general public, businesses, schools, and other key groups in ways that lead to increased participation in waste reduction and recycling efforts.

Lead: Sarah Weinstein, sarah.weinstein@state.ma.us

Please RSVP to: Marc Fournier, marc.fournier@state.ma.us

Meeting #1: Thursday, February 26, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.,
[MassDEP Boston office](#), 2nd floor conference room

Meeting #2: Monday, March 16, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.,
[Worcester Public Library](#), 3 Salem Square, Banx Room

Meeting #3: Thursday, March 26, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.,
[Saltonstall Building](#), 100 Cambridge St, Boston: 2nd Floor Conference Room C

3. Municipal Capacity Building/Regionalization

This workgroup will explore ways to replicate and further expand local capacity for waste reduction through regionalization, increased efficiency, technical assistance, etc.

Lead: Brooke Nash, brooke.nash@state.ma.us

Please RSVP to: Gretchen Brewer, gretchen.brewer@state.ma.us

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[MassDEP Boston office](#), 2nd floor conference room

Meeting #2: Monday, March 16, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
[Worcester Public Library](#), 3 Salem Square, Banx Room

Meeting #3: Thursday, March 26, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
[MassDEP Boston office](#), 2nd floor conference room

4. Waste Bans/Business Recycling

This workgroup will evaluate current waste ban compliance efforts, explore ways to use waste bans to further recycling goals, and identify other strategies to increase business recycling.

Lead: Marc Fournier, marc.fournier@state.ma.us

Please RSVP to: Janine Delaney, janine.delaney@state.ma.us

Meeting #1: Tuesday, February 24, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

[MassDEP Boston office](#), 2nd floor conference room

Meeting #2: Tuesday, March 10, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

[Mass DEP Worcester office](#)

Meeting #3: Tuesday, March 24, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

[MassDEP Boston office](#), 2nd floor conference room

5. Building Markets/State Procurement

This workgroup will investigate ways to strengthen and develop markets for recyclable materials, including how the Commonwealth can use its purchasing power to contribute to the demand for products that are easier to reuse/recycle and generate less “end of life” waste.

Lead: Peggy Harlow, peggy.harlow@state.ma.us

Please RSVP to: Gretchen Brewer, gretchen.brewer@state.ma.us

Meeting #1: Monday, March 2, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (**cancelled due to snow**)

[MassDEP Boston office](#), 2nd floor conference room

Meeting #2: Friday, March 13, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

[Mass DEP Worcester office](#), Concord Room

Meeting #3: Monday, March 30, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

[MassDEP Boston office](#), 2nd floor conference room

6. Eliminating Barriers to Siting Waste Diversion Facilities

This workgroup will focus on how siting issues may be a barrier to increasing in-state waste diversion capacity (including facilities that many stakeholders agree are positive, such as composting), and will identify potential solutions for overcoming these barriers.

Lead: Jamie Doucett, james.doucett@state.ma.us

Please RSVP to: Marc Fournier, marc.fournier@state.ma.us

Meeting #1: Wednesday, February 25, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

[MassDEP Boston office](#), 2nd floor conference room

Meeting #2: Wednesday, March 11, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

[MassDEP Boston office](#), 2nd floor conference room

Meeting #3: Wednesday, March 25, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

[MassDEP Boston office](#), 2nd floor conference room

7. Performance and Viability of Technologies for Residual Waste

This workgroup will strive to reach a common understanding regarding the performance data for various technologies (e.g., anaerobic digestion, gasification, pyrolysis, etc.) and attempt to resolve conflicting claims made by various stakeholders about the performance and viability of these technologies. The workgroup will also compare newer technologies with existing technologies (e.g., existing waste-to-energy facilities, landfills).

Lead: Jamie Doucett, james.doucett@state.ma.us

Please RSVP: John Fischer, john.fischer@state.ma.us

Meeting #1: Thursday, March 5, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

[MassDEP Boston office](#), 2nd floor conference room

Meeting #2: Wednesday, March 18, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

[MassDEP Boston office](#), 2nd floor conference room

Meeting #3: Thursday, March 9, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

[MassDEP Boston office](#), 2nd floor conference room