

SWAC C&D Subcommittee Meeting  
MassDEP – Bureau of Air & Waste  
December 1, 2022; 10:00 AM to 11:40 AM (Virtual Meeting via Zoom webinar)

**Meeting Notes:**

Recorded by: Mike Elliott (MassDEP)

NOTE: Copies of the meeting notes and presentation slides are available on the MassDEP C&D Subcommittee webpage. The MassDEP C&D Subcommittee webpage can be found at the following link: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-construction-demolition-subcommittee>. Comments can be submitted via email to Mike Elliott at [michael.elliott@mass.gov](mailto:michael.elliott@mass.gov).

**Agenda**

- Welcome/Introductions
- Revisit 2019 C&D Action Plan
- C&D MPS Update
- Check-in on Wood Market Disruptions
- Announcements
- Open Discussion

**Welcome/Introductions**

MassDEP welcomed participants to the webinar.

- 46 people registered, there were about 30 people on the call at any given time.
- Participants reflected a cross-section of stakeholders representing: Large C&D Handling Facilities; Material Recycling Processors; Recycling/Re-use End-Markets; Construction Management Firms; Waste Haulers; Trade Association Representatives; Industry Consultants; State/Municipal Officials.

**Revisit 2019 C&D Action Plan**

MassDEP provided a summary of the March-2019 C&D Action Plan that was later incorporated into the 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan (<https://www.mass.gov/guides/solid-waste-master-plan>, see pg. 26). The summary consisted of a series of slides excerpted from a table summarizing the specific action items outlined in the plan. The action items are divided into the following main themes:

- 1.0 Improve Jobsite Waste Management
- 2.0 Enhance Collection & Processing
- 3.0 Develop End Markets
- 4.0 Promote Interagency Cooperation

Details of the specific action items can be found in the slide deck.

MassDEP reported that an internal review of the 2019 action plan found that the plan was still largely valid. That said, opportunities for improvement could be achieved through coordination with newly formed work groups in the past year:

- Recycling Market Development Work Group (<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-recycling-market-development-workgroup>)
- Deconstruction Work Group (<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-reduce-reuse-rr-working-group>)

### **C&D MPS Update**

MassDEP introduced this topic by reiterating the goals and objectives of the C&D Minimum Performance Standard, then summarized the measurable performance criteria that apply to C&D Processors and Large C&D Transfer Stations, respectively. MassDEP then summarized the 2022 C&D MPS Status as follows:

- Of the 18 C&D Processors, all but 2 are fully MPS compliant as processors; the 2 that are not yet MPS compliant recently completed installation of new process lines, they are expected to be fully compliant imminently.
- Of the 11 Large C&D Transfer Stations, all are fully MPS compliant as transfer stations.
- MassDEP will continue tracking MPS compliance through ongoing facility compliance inspections and annual report data analysis.

### **Check-in on Wood Market Disruptions**

After showing a summary of wood products produced by Massachusetts C&D Processors over time, and the quantities produced by individual facilities in CY2021, MassDEP provided a status report on the repair to the turbine at the PRE-Greenleaf biomass boiler in Plainfield, CT

- PRE-Greenleaf biomass gasification boiler in Plainfield, CT
  - Unscheduled shutdown of indefinite duration due to turbine failure (5/27/2022)
  - The Fuel Manager for PRE-Greenleaf, Dave Pattison, reported on the anticipated timeline to resume operation
    - Deliver repaired turbine (end of Dec-2022)
    - Start-up (mid-Jan-2023 through mid-Feb)
      - Consume inventory of left-over wood from pre-shut-down
      - Accept limited quantities of new inventory
    - Fully operational (mid-Feb 2023)
      - Accept normal quantities of new inventory
- Tafisa, particle board manufacturer in Lac Mégantic, QC
  - Based on a statement from Bill Murdock, Wood Buyer for Tafisa , provided prior to the meeting, Tafisa is operating at normal production levels.
  - Bill added that Tafisa anticipates a slight increase in demand for wood chip in 2023.

### **Announcements**

NEWMOA/NERC Gypsum Wallboard Waste Management Webinar Series

- Webinar 1: Monday January 9, 2023. Problems, Recommendations, & The Current State of Recycling. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1799381992148594190>
- Webinar 2: Tuesday January 24, 2023. Opportunities to Increase Recycling. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3758454427124722191>
- Gypsum Wallboard Stakeholder Survey (prior to webinars): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GypsumWallboardSurvey>

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MassDEP provided information on 3 upcoming Solid Waste Management Meetings open to the public:

- Informational webinar for Solid Waste Facilities and Haulers on New Waste Bans - Fri (12/02); Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsfuGhrj4vE9OXBF3IjJck9ZqeEFDkY3B9>
- Deconstruction Work Group Mtg. - Wed. (12/14), “Inspiration and Practice: Taking Buildings Apart”; Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvf-yorT0tGNSjqVuYFuqd1h6fxhfif-3N>
- Recycling Market Development Work Group Mtg. - Thu. (12/15), focus on Research & Development; Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvC-urpz8oGtxTJWLCsEOHt3im77D7Bsyn>

EBC 17<sup>th</sup> Annual C&D Materials Management Summit

- Friday, 1/27/2023, DoubleTree Hotel, Westborough, in-person
- Information and Registration: <https://ebcne.org/event/ebc-17th-annual-construction-and-demolition-materials-management-summit/>

CDRA National Perspective

- Executive Director Emeritus, Bill Turley, provided a quick summary of some national issues that CDRA is following:
  - California legislation promoting end markets for recycled aggregates in roadways
  - EPA considering changes to waste hierarchy
  - CDRA recycler survey to update industry statistics
- Reach out to Bill at [turley@cdrecycling.org](mailto:turley@cdrecycling.org) for more information
- Bill also announced the C&D World/CONEX will happen on March 15, 2023

### **Open Discussion**

The group briefly discussed the possibility of a rail workers union strike. Though no one had definitive information, the consensus was that the strike would likely be averted by Congressional action.

Jennifer McDonnell of the NYC Department of Sanitation inquired about wood markets and how the specification of the separated wood is distinguished between one end market and another.

### **Point of Contact**

Mike Elliott reported that the MassDEP Boston office had recently moved to a new location. His new contact information is as follows:

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