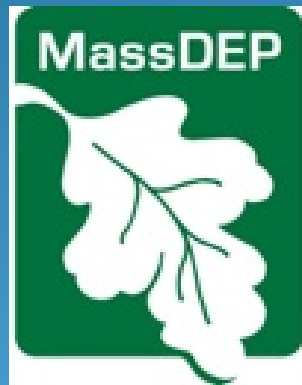


# MassDEP Updates



John Fischer, Mass DEP  
Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

# Response to Recycling Market Impacts

- Municipal Assistance
- Business Development
- Waste Ban Waivers

# Municipal Assistance

- Recycling Dividends Program - \$2.6 million awards
- Two regional glass recycling grant awards
- Recycling IQ Kit – awarded almost \$600k to 19 municipalities
- Recycle Smart Education Initiative
  - [www.recyclesmartma.org](http://www.recyclesmartma.org)
  - Focus on top 4 contaminants
  - Partner program launched 9/26/18; over 100 partners already



# Business Development

- Recycling Business Development Grants
- Round 1 awarding \$1 million in grants to six companies
  - 1 for mixed recyclables
  - 1 for glass
  - 1 for plastic
  - 3 for clean wood
- Round 2 currently evaluating
  - Received 9 applications totaling \$3.3 million

# Waste Ban Waivers

- Have issued 70 waivers for mixed recyclables or glass since November 2017
- Most are small quantities to independent haulers
- Issued as option of last resort
- Generally issued due to insufficient MRF capacity
- Continuing to work with haulers, MRFs and other facilities to find outlets
- No current waivers for mixed recyclables or glass



# Recycling Market Investments

- Seeing stabilization and gradual growth in recycling markets
- Trend of Chinese paper companies investing in US capacity
- Local and regional investment in glass recycling operations

# Mattress Recycling

- Municipal mattress recycling grants
  - Up to 2 years of transportation & processing
  - 43 implemented plus 11 new applications pending
  - Collected 55,000 pieces since February 2016
- State mattress recycling contract FAC 90
  - 3 service providers
  - about \$15/mattress
- Developing strategy to increase mattress recycling