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MEETING SUMMARY
SOUTH CAROLINA CLIMATE, ENERGY AND COMMERCE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
Agriculture, Forestry, and Waste Management Technical Work Group
(AFW TWG)

Call #7 (Waste Management Subgroup), November 13, 2007, 2:00–3:00 PM

Attendance:

1. Technical Work Group Members:
 - Bob Giangiorgi – Vice President, Priority Metrics Group
 - Edwin Lesley – President, Business Development Corporation of South Carolina
 - Scott Fennell – Carolina Waste
2. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) Staff:
 - Steve Roe – Lead facilitator
 - Brad Strobe – Co-facilitator
3. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC):
 - None.
4. Public Attendees:
 - None.
5. Technical Work Group Members not attending:
 - Chris Fisher – Fisher Recycling

Background documents:

(all posted at http://www.scclimatechange.us/Agriculture_Forestry.cfm)

1. Meeting Notice and Agenda
2. Summary of Call #6
3. PowerPoint for Teleconference.
4. AFW Draft Priority Policy Options for Analysis (provided via email)

Discussion items and key issues:

Introductions and Review

1. CCS called the teleconference meeting to order, completed the roll call and outlined the agenda. The agenda was for this subgroup of the AFW TWG to review the two draft straw proposals covering the solid waste management sector: AFW-8: Advanced Recycling and Composting; and AFW-9: Waste-to-Energy Reclamation.
2. This was the first meeting of the waste subgroup, so no previous call summary was available.

3. AFW-8: the group discussed the idea of separate goals for source reduction, recycling, and composting. Information from the journal *Biocycle*, on current recycling levels in the U.S. was reviewed. After discussion, the TWG settled on an approach for achieving the combined recycling/composting goal that is currently achieved on a national average by 2012 (28.5% compared to SC current levels of 23%). A level of 35% is to be achieved by 2020. The individual contributions towards the percentage goals from recycling and composting will be determined during analysis and further review by the subgroup.
4. AFW-9: Waste-to-Energy Reclamation – a discussion took place on the different methods for waste to energy reclamation (landfill methane collection and use; anaerobic digestion followed by methane collection and use; waste combustion and energy recovery; and emerging technologies). The subgroup focused on additional opportunities for landfill methane collection and use. CCS will forward information to the group on the current number of sites that collect and utilize landfill methane. At this time, the subgroup did not choose to change the existing CCS default text for the goal of 50% collection and control of all methane generated by 2020.
5. The subgroup should be aware of the overall schedule of CECAC and AFW TWG meetings. See the schedule on the website (<http://www.scclimatechange.us/ewebeditpro/items/O60F13464.xls>). Check this schedule regularly to keep abreast of any changes. Alternative dates to the current schedule were proposed (Meetings 8, 9, and 10) in order to better match up to CECAC meeting dates. The proposed dates are:
 - Meeting #8 - Dec. 13;
 - Meeting #9 - Jan. 22.
 - Meeting # 10 - March 6.
 - Meeting #11 (if necessary) - April 17.

Draft Inventory and Forecast

1. During previous full TWG meetings CCS asked for further recommendations on the Draft Inventory and Forecast. No recommendations have been received to date for the waste management sector. CCS asks that subgroup members review these materials and provide any recommendations as soon as possible, since any recommendations need to be presented in the next CCAC meeting (11/30/2007). (<http://www.scclimatechange.us/ewebeditpro/items/O60F11993.pdf>).

Next Steps

1. CCS will update the Policy Options Template with input from today's call and provide additional background materials as discussed during the call.
2. The schedule for upcoming meetings will be determined based on upcoming full TWG meetings (the next of these is 12/13/2007, as shown above). CCS recommends that the waste subgroup meet on the same day as each of the full TWG, as shown above from 10 – 11 am). Please let Brad Strode know as soon as possible, if these dates/time slots do not work
3. CCS will provide feedback to the group from the 11/30/2007 CECAC meeting. CCS will then review next steps in filling out the policy templates.
4. There were no members of the public in attendance.