

**Western Electronic Product Stewardship Initiative Meeting Summary**  
**Policy and Regulatory System Subgroup**  
**September 25, 2001**

**Members in Attendance:**

Tom Cusack, Wa DOE  
Cindy Tatham, Washington Co.  
Ivy Sager-Rosenthal, WashPIRG  
Shirli Axelrod, City of Seattle/NWPSC  
Jennifer Allen, OR Economic and  
Community Development  
John Heffernan, Computers for Kids, Spokane  
Dick Schmidt, City of Portland  
Morgan Rider, LSI Logic, Gresham

**Other Members:**

Leslie Byster, OR Center  
for Enviro. Health  
EPA rep, TBD

**Summary:** The formation and introductory meeting of this subgroup occurred during the September 25 multi-stakeholder meeting in Seattle.

Our group includes representatives from many of the stakeholder groups. We briefly discussed which stakeholder types were not represented. The following suggestions for additions to this group were made: OSHA, WSHA, Portland Metro, OR DEQ, Washington state counterpart to OECDD, retail, markets of recycled materials.

The group reviewed the types of policies/regulations and questions that were listed in the subtopic backgrounder. Participants emphasized that we need to be sure to consider policies and guidelines along with regulations. Participants agreed that the items outlined in the subtopic backgrounder were all of interest, and brainstormed additional items that could be considered, including:

- Procurement policies. These exist currently as federal laws, executive orders and company policies.
- Plastics labeling
- Consider what could happen with no regulation, and the results along the spectrum of 0-100% regulation
- Consider how regulations/policies might affect how much e-waste is shipped overseas.
- Look at policies regarding protection/destruction of confidential information as regards equipment to be recycled
- How can regulations provide incentives for businesses to locate in the NW?
- Identify the conflicts between local, state and federal regulations
- What about taxes or subsidies?
- Consider the process of creating regulations, and how business can be involved from the start

It was recognized that it would be helpful to define the vernacular now so that we're all talking about the same thing.

## **Notes to Other Subgroups:**

**Recycle Subgroup:** We should coordinate on the issue of whether it's possible for recyclers to get enough monitors and charge the necessary amount for the service of recycling them, without a landfill ban regulation.

**All:** L. Stole will be preparing a glossary of terms. This should be useful for all groups and a draft will be sent to staff members for review.

## **Research/Tasks**

- Determine whether other stakeholder groups should be included. Staff will be evaluating this as we see how the groups settle out.
- Develop a glossary of terms. L. Stole will prepare a draft.
- Provide a summary of regulations/policies currently in play in our 4 states (EPA region X), the other states active on this issue, and federally. L. Stole will collect info for a basic summary.
- Track NEPSI progress on controls for environmentally sound recycling.

## **Group Process**

- Future meetings:
  - Group together as possible (Seattle, Portland) and link groups via conference call.
  - Next meeting to be in about 2 weeks. L. Stole will send several meeting time options to participants. The option allowing greatest participation will be selected.
- Define other roles and assignments that will be needed.