

**WEPSI Policy and Regulatory Subgroup: Meeting Summary  
12/12/01, at MS meeting**

**Attendees:**

Lori Stole, WEPSI  
Jennifer Allen, OECDD  
Shirli Axelrod, City of Seattle  
George Lundberg, Epson  
Cindy Tatham, Wa Co.  
Jan Whitworth, OR DEQ  
Craig Lorch, Total Reclaim

We began with introductions. Craig Lorch offered to join our group to strengthen participation from the recyclers segment. Heidi Sickert from the Oregon Environmental Council asked to join, but was unable to stay for this meeting. Now that Jan Whitworth is back, she will be taking her place back from Bill Bree, but he will continue to follow our activities. Cindy will be leaving Wa. Co., and will not be participating further in this group.

Nepsi's regulatory subgroup: George, who is heading up the NEPSI reg subgroup, gave an update on their plans. They will start by creating a summary of the regulatory status, federal as well as in all states, that affect 4 groups: consumers, collectors, transporters and recyclers. This data will be assessed using NEPSI's agreed-on attributes. Then they will provide recommendations. This group is newly formed and has met only once so far.

General discussion: It was pointed out that Seattle and King County, like Calif., don't have a household hazardous waste exemption. Education about the regulations is a key component. Evaluating landfill bans might be helpful for our economic development topic. We could look to other types of products for examples, such as the mercury report that was just issued by OEC. We should ask what incentives there are, as well as barriers.

Sub-subgroups: We are probably going to break into 2 sub-subgroups, to efficiently delve into 2 topics. Interest by those in attendance was expressed as follows:

1) Criteria for an Environmentally Sound Recycling System

Bill Bree (expressed previously)  
Shirli Axelrod  
Craig Lorch  
Lori

2) Economic Development Strategies/Policy

Jennifer Allen  
Jan Whitworth  
Shirli Axelrod  
Susan St. Germain (suggested)  
Lori

Future Meeting Dates: It was agreed that the Monday at 12:30 call time works well. The following dates were scheduled, with the assumption that the 2 work groups will be meeting in between these dates. Lori will request the conference line for these days.  
Jan 7, Jan 28, Feb 6 at MS mtg, Feb 25, Mar 11.