

Waste Reduction Task Force

Public & Private Participation Work Group #2

May 13, 2008

Meeting Summary

Work Group Members Present: Charles Baines, Sami Barile, Sharon Smith, Marty Turbeville

Facilitator: Matt Maynard, TDEC

This conference call was held to revise two recommendations that failed to gain approval at the May 8, 2008 Task Force meeting. The first recommendation referred back for further review was one concerning the collection of recycling numbers from private entities. It was decided that the group would present the following: To help form a more accurate picture of where the State of Tennessee is in recycling, the private sector should be surveyed by TDEC or its contractors every five years. This survey would aid in determining recycling benchmarks by these private entities. The survey could also serve the purpose of identifying barriers/roadblocks which prevent further recycling efforts.

The second recommendation sent back was one concerning the banning of certain materials from landfills. When discussed at the May 8th meeting, several members of the Task Force had concerns with the allowed contamination factors. As such, the work group removed these items so that the recommendation is as follows: The specific waste streams of cardboard, metals and electronic scrap should be banned from landfills. These bans will be phased in first to private industry who dispose of 1,000 tons or more a year (year one), 250 tons or more a year (year two), followed by all other business and the public in year three.