

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

May 17, 2007

Solid Waste, Recycling

- SCORE Report - 75% recycling rate
- Raw recycling rate 67% + composting 3% + source reduction 5%
- FY07 second half SCORE funding
- Solid Waste Management Plan extension
- Earth Day
- Appliance Collection
- Supreme Court decision on flow control

Ponderosa Landfill

- New monitoring well installation in June
- Testing some residential wells
- Spray application area
 - Soil moisture testing equipment
 - Moisture deficit, began spraying
- Working on permit modification
 - 2008 cell construction
 - Leachate Recirculation at MSW Landfills
- MPCA will be testing spray application area

Hazardous Waste

- Fluorescent bulb recycling agreement
- Season opened April 3rd
- Mobile Collections in Arlington and Le Center
- Truck purchase
- Bulking Building construction
- Storm Damage at facility

Miscellaneous

- Nuisance complaints
- Legislation
 - E-waste
 - Waste pesticides
- Well Delegation Program Audit
- Electronic Permitting software
- Supervisor position for the Waste and Recycling division


Information Articles

- Minnesota Session Weekly "Use and Reuse"
- Waste News "Minnesota Adopts Tough E-Waste Law?"
- Star Tribune "Easing Way for Electronics Recycling"
- Star Tribune "Green Computers Can Cut Toxic Waste"
- Free Press "Electronics Recyclables Wanted for SMILES Fundraising Event"
- Waste News "MN Prof Creates Furniture from Old Paper"
- Star Tribune "11 Things to Know About Recycling"
- Waste News "San Francisco Votes to Ban Plastic Shopping Bags"
- Star Tribune "There's New Life for Old Carpet"
- Waste News "Closing Up the Cracks"
- Free Press "Free Tire Collection Turns Costly"

County News "Counties Victorious in Supreme Court Flow Control Case"
Waste News "The Ebb and Flow"
Waste News "Can These Simply Be Thrown Away?"
Star Tribune "Fluorescent Facts"
Star Tribune "31 States Will Jointly Track Greenhouse Gas Emissions"
Star Tribune "Scientists Put Price on Global-Warming Efforts"
Pierre Capital Journal "Scientists to Lay Out Ways to Head Off
Climate Change"
Star Tribune "A Green Grass-Roots Revolution"
Free Press "A Little Can Mean a Lot"
Parade Magazine "The Call of the Wild"
USA Weekend "13 Ways to Go Green"
Session Weekly "More for Mother Nature"
Free Press "The Minnesota Is Getting Cleaner"
Free Press "Feedlot Draws Ire of Rural Residents"
Star Tribune "Two 3M Chemicals Hazardous, State Says"
Star Tribune "3 More Landfills Have 3M Chemicals"
Star Tribune "Pollution Agency is Getting Tougher on 3M"
Star Tribune "3M, State Outline How to Clean Up Chemicals"
Star Tribune "EPA Proposes Cutting Lawnmower Exhaust Fumes"

MEMORANDUM

TO: Environmental Services Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Scott Fichtner 

SUBJECT: ESAC Bylaws

DATE: May 7, 2007

At the conclusion of an Advisory Committee meeting last fall we had a short discussion about the role of the Committee and how both the Committee and Department have changed since the Environmental Services Department began in 1990. It is a good time to begin evaluating the role of the committee and what changes, if any, should be considered. I would like to begin this process at our May meeting. This would include beginning to compile a list of questions or issues that we should discuss or work on during the process.

To get the process started, I have included a copy of the original bylaws from 1991 that the Committee is currently working under. I have also enclosed a copy of the draft bylaws that Claire Faust, Paul Schuster and I worked on in 1998. The 1998 draft never advanced past the draft form, so it was not approved by the County Board. It is important to consider the current bylaws and their requirements as we begin discussions on how the ESAC might conduct business in the future.