

Public Engagement Questions

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To: DEEP RecyclingProgram

1. No suggestions at this point as I think the four focus areas are a beginning.
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 - a. If the Unit-Based Pricing model is to be effective the program needs to be mandated by the state and not be voluntary.
 - b. Organic recycling in small towns that don't provide pick-up would be difficult and costly if pick-up was required as a municipal expense. An estimate that I heard regarding organic pick-up could add 20-25% to the cost of private pick-up.
 - c. Organic recycling could be provided at the town transfer station or encourage compost barrels at each house hold.
3. Certainly the end result all four initiatives would be environmentally beneficial. However, less MSW in the system doesn't necessarily translate to less cost.
4. N/A
5. My suggestion would be that while its good that DEEP is encouraging options to "bubble up" from engaged citizens or partners, ultimately success will be generated by a uniform "top down" policy. Back in the late 70's and 80's there was a uniform policy developed where the state said we are not going to bury trash anymore. As a result, land-fills were closed, trash to energy plants were built and we became leaders of the world in the way we dealt with trash. 169 approaches to MSW isn't as effective.
6. N/A
7. N/A

Regards,

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