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Hi Sherill

I have been participating in the work group noted above as the Chairman of the Durham/Middlefield Transfer Station. Certainly appreciate all your efforts regarding this matter and the seminars

I have a couple of questions for the December 7th meeting

1) Has DEEP considered revisiting the current single stream recycling initiative due to the cross contamination of the recycling waste stream? Has any consideration been given to reverting to a dual stream approach to reduce contamination?

2) Has DEEP considered regulating the current collection practices of the private haulers and the compaction of the recyclables? Initially early on in the process the recyclables were collected in open container vehicles. The private haulers have all now migrated to using the refuse trucks with on demand compacting. The compaction of the recyclables is clearly cross contaminating the recycling waste stream. i.e. crushing glass into card board and mixed paper, the leakage of liquids stored in plastic and glass containers into the mixed paper waste stream etc

Best Dom DelVecchio  
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