

Connecticut Bottle Bill Advisory Group Meeting

Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2023 1:00pm via ZOOM

Present: See Attachment A

Next meeting: Monday, August 21 at 1:00pm via ZOOM

Prepared by: Elizabeth Moore, DEEP

I. Call to Order and Announcements

The meeting started at 1:00PM.

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Commissioner Katie Dykes provided welcoming remarks.

II. Committee Reports

James Albis, Director of the Office of Policy and Planning, Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance, DEEP described logistics and the purpose of the advisory group in meeting regularly to receive updates and provide input on DEEP's implementation of its responsibilities under Public Act 21-58.

Mike Noel, Director of Public Affairs, TOMRA presented on a recent cyber-attack that has directly impacted some of the data systems at TOMRA. He shared steps TOMRA is taking to mitigate any disruption to the system and noted that payments to retailers and redemption centers may be affected until all systems are back online. Noel shared contact information and noted that general updates on the progress made following the cyber-attack are posted regularly on TOMRA.com.

Chris Nelson, Supervising Environmental Analyst, DEEP and Laura Pointek, Environmental Analyst, DEEP presented a history and overview of the current state of the Connecticut Bottle Bill as modified by Public Act 21-58.

III. Roundtable and Public Comment

James Albis asked for feedback from attendees and worked with other DEEP staff to answer verbal questions and those written in the ZOOM chat box.

Attendees asked questions about TOMRA's payment system for redemption centers and the safety and security of consumer data following the recent cyber-attack.

Other questions focused on miniature liquor bottle fees and noted some exemplary municipalities using the funding from the five-cent surcharge on miniatures for various environmental efforts. Representative Joseph Gresko noted the Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality is reviewing how municipalities spend the funding.

Participants asked about DEEP's enforcement efforts and how much information DEEP receives related to the deposit system. Others asked about DEEP's ability to track what containers are being recycled outside of the deposit system.

Many participants discussed the need for greater public education and communication campaigns related to the Bottle Bill, particularly regarding the beverages covered by the law and the upcoming change in deposit. Education-related questions centered on efforts the department will take to implement a more robust and creative public education campaign. Some participants offered suggestions like seeking assistance from industry, redemption centers, and legislators.

DEEP encouraged feedback on the advisory group and asked for any suggestions for future meeting topics. One participant suggested a discussion regarding a container database.

IV. Adjournment

James Albis closed the meeting and noted that any thoughts related to the topics discussed and any future meeting topics may be sent to James Albis at james.albis@ct.gov, Chris Nelson at chris.nelson@ct.gov, or the DEEP.MMCAPlanning@ct.gov email address.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 21 at 1:00pm. The planned topic is preparing for the deposit increase to 10 cents.

Attachment A.

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Aundre	Bumgardner
Kevin	Ryan
Greg	Jankura
David	Michel
Jude	Malone
Linda	Kowalski
Jean	Cronin
diane	keefe
Sarah	Keitt
David	Rutigliano
Kathy	Norwood
Heather	Somers
Franklin	Perry II
Melissa	Leonard
Ashley	Zane
Sean	Hughes
Krishna	Winston
Rachel	Khanna
paul	aresta
Andrew	Perham
Laura	Pointek
Donna	Hamzy Carroccia
Lucy	Dathan
Peggy	Diaz
Donald	McCalman
Maria	Horn
Chris	Calabrese
jay	aronson
Kenneth	Przybysz
Mike	Noel
Jeff	Myjak
Diane	Lauricella
Peter	Gallo
Mike	Manfre

Mitch	Bolinsky
Tracy	Babbidge
Rocky	Gallo
Kathy	Kennedy
Theresa	Christenson
Kevin	Spinella
Viola	Jacobs
Jeffrey	Caggiano
Andrew	Ginsburg
Kevin	Reynolds
Pamela	Roach
Hillary	Glass
Thomas	Weik
Jonathan	Ayala
william	malitsky
Cecelia	Drayton
Brenda	Sisco
Nicole	Griffin
Rick	Genovese
James	Paolino
CJ	Kowaleski
Adam	Salina
Michael	Rell
Alexis	Bourassa
David	Kozak
Cassie	Folk
Kristyn	Rosa
Joseph	Gresko
chris	lippke
Ross	Hollander
David	McBride
wayne	pesce
Margaux	Gingras
Julie	Cammarata
Dr Bud	McAllister
Sandra	Grance
Joseph	DeNicola
Mara	Shulman
Gauravi	Saini
Susannah	Smith
Molly	Mulligan

James	Toner
Christine	O'Neill
Doug	Bedard
Alissa	Wesche
Mark	Zessin
David	Aldridge
Jen	Heaton-Jones
John	Bailey
Patrick	Grasso
Beth	Milligan
Tony	Manfre
Mary	Hogue
John	Cottell
Julia	Pemberton
Shahil	Kantesaria
Conrad	Cutler
stan	gormley
Jennifer	Amundsen
Michael	Johnson
Tracy	Persico
Kelly	Colvin
Tiffany	Moseley
Janica	Jesson
Chris	Phelps
Kevin	Kranzler
Karmina	Fefferman
Susan	Johnson
Josh	Hughes
Peter	Wilcox
Edith	Pestana
Roark	Levine
Joe	Lentini
Eric	Filardi
Joe	Canino
Janice	EhleMeyer
Lauren	Craig
Courtney	Raodsavljevic
Jennifer	Perry
Elizabeth	Peterson
ROBYN	NICHOLS
Elaine	Sistare

Tiffany	Moseley
David	Fleming
Mike	Smaha
Sue	Citron
Tammy	Nuccio
Chris	Nelson
Allen	Holcomb
James	Albis
The Connecticut Network (CT-N)	The Connecticut Network (CT-N)
Katie	Dykes
Andrew	Droney
John	Vamos
Caroline	Slettedahl
my	Morrin Bello
Katherine	Bruns
Susan	Bush
Carrie	Rand-Anastasiades
Edward	Reagan
Bryan	Vickers
Anthony	Nolan
Will	Healey
Ethan	Werstler
Brian	Popovich
Stephen	Downes
Steve	Downes
Megan	Siegel
Samantha	Davis
Daniel	Pestrichello
Rachel	Schnabel
Rachel	Rooney
Sen. Joan	Hartley
Steven	Gomes
Joyce	Mikita
Gabrielle	Frigon
Tom	Metzner
Reagan	Kenney
Sarah	Huang
Harrison	Nantz
Brenna	Toman
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Adrian	Vannahme
David	McKeegan
Gary	Turco
Ken	Friesen
Brendan	Schain
Kirsten	Witt
Sally	Davies
Mitch	Bolinsky
kerry	brown
Robert	Isner
Melissa	Ziobron
Rick	Lopes
Christopher	Antonacci
Hillary	Glass
Bhargav	Patel
Paul	Catino
Ryan	Bingham
Partick	Grasso
Doris	Johnson
Humphrey	Amedeo