Subcommittee Meeting – April 24, 2007: Increasing Source Reduction and Recycling Rates of the MSW Stream

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Issues of concern voiced by subcommittee members included:

- Funding-for municipalities.
- State Agencies-what are they doing for promoting recycling-need to set an example for residents and industry.
- Connect with climate change.
- ➢ Bottle Bill − concerns − impact.
- > Incentives needed to internalize disposal costs.
- > Enforcement-more needed for smaller businesses to ensure recycling.
- Education/Outreach to the public including schools/small businesses. --Use of Prison print shops for outreach materials.
- > Pay as U Throw-need more state voice to promote Town participation.
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection days-provide further sources/areas when a HHW collection center is not available. Transfer stations for "mid-range" HHW.
- Focus on reduction/recycling pre-consumer –manufacturing production --Recycling – logistics, transportation, reducing waste streams.
- Existing recycling efforts--Identify what is currently working instead of "reinventing the wheel".

To focus on at next subcommittee meeting:

- Identify which reduction/recycling strategies identified in the Solid Waste Management Plan CT DEP should implement first [recommend starting with those identified as high priority in the plan].
- > Develop work plan for the next 12-18 months.