

MINUTES

ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting - Tuesday, May 26, 2009

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at Covanta Energy, 183 Raymond Boulevard, Newark, NJ. The Recycling Coordinator's meeting began at 12:00 pm. The SWAC meeting immediately followed at 12:45 p.m.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Jean Clark, League of Women Voters
Paul Woyciechowski, Waste Management/Recycle America
Brian Frohnafel, Waste Management/Recycle America
Russell A. Jones, Jr., Livingston
Rob Teeter, PMK Group
Jared Eudell, PMK Group
Rich Erickson, PMK Group
Michael Onysko, Essex County Utilities Authority
Don Wharton, East Orange
George Kimiecik, Covanta Energy
Richard Fericola, South Orange
Nick Salese, Sr., West Orange
Gerard Shimonaski, Verona
Kim B. Greene, Newark
Patty Davis, Nutley
John Riccio, Nutley
Hank Asher, Covanta Energy
Salvatore Ferraro, Nutley
Eric Burbank, Maplewood
Jerry Imperato, Belleville
Bill Lehman, WMRA
Alexander A. Trento, West Caldwell
Paul Olshen, Livingston
Kenneth Armellino, Covanta Energy
Mike Pilzelker, Roseland

The Recycling Coordinators meeting began at 12:00 p.m. and adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Richard Fernicola called the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Hank Asher of Covanta welcomed the SWAC members to the facility and introduced some of the Covanta staff members. Mr. Asher also informed the SWAC members that after the meeting they would have a tour of the facility for anyone interested.

2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

The meeting is in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act. Publication of the meeting of the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council had previously been made and the public is invited to speak as noted on the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 24, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted

4. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

- The Chairperson thanked Covanta for hosting the SWAC meeting and for the luncheon that they supplied..

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Essex County Utilities Authority/PMK Group

- As part of the Recycling Coordinator's Meeting, Rob Teeter and Jared Eudell from PMK discussed the following topics:

The next recycling coordinators meeting on July 28TH will include recycling in schools as a topic. Representatives from some schools that are doing well WITHIN THE County will talk. PMK indicated that since we have a topic like this they are going to apply for CRP credits for those people certified, possibly 1 or 2 credits. According to Chairman Fernicola, you should be getting 2 credits for each meeting.

1. **Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant.** The 2008 Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant reports were due to the DEPE by April 30, 2009. PMK informed the council that the State may send out letters to the towns indicating that they want to see how Grant money was spent, meaning that it should be used for recycling purposes. Mr. Onysko requested that a copy of the grant report be sent to him so that we can review them prior to the 30 day audit.

2. **Municipal Recycling Ordinances.** Mr. Onysko indicated that approximately 15 of the towns have finished their ordinance and sent it to the ECUA Some ordinances are at the towns Board for approval.
3. **Essex County Leaf Compost Site.** Meetings were held with the County Parks department, ECUA, and CEHA to discuss the clean up and usage of County compost site.
4. **Grants.** PMK informed to Council about a Coca-Cola Bin Grant for towns, counties, and private entities for approximately \$500.00 worth of bins and that information can be viewed at (<http://bingrant.org/>) and also the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) has been on the books for about 2 years and is finally funded. This grant is only for the larger populated towns such as Bloomfield, East Orange, Irvington, Montclair, Newark, and West Orange. It is considered a job stimulus grant. There is a limited pot of money available for smaller towns but it is on a first come first serve basis. Applications can be viewed and are available on-line at (http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm) The deadline is June 19th for the Block Grant.
5. **ECUA website (ECUANj.com).** New pages are available for municipal/residential use such as updated news and events, HHW and E-Waste days and flyers, County recycling guide, used oil collection facilities, and drug disposal guide.
6. **Enforcement.** Jean Clark informed the Council that the DEPE is going to be sending out letters to the municipal Mayors stating that they have to enforce the recycling ordinance and if you do not enforce, the State may come after the Municipality.
7. **Tonnage Tracker Software.** PMK informed the Council that the Tonnage Tracker reporting program is now on the ECUA web site (ECUANJ.COM). They suggested that the municipalities try it out to see if they have any questions on how to use it or like additional information added PMK also informed the council that in the near future the DEPE will not accept hard copies of the report, they want to go to electronic transmittle.

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Mr. Onysko said that the ECUA held their HHW day on May 2nd and as always it went well with 1,642 cars and approximately 63 tons of material collected. He also said that on May 16th the ECUA had their Computer and Electronics collection which went well also. There were 1,340 cars with approximately 62 tons of material collected.

Mr. Onysko indicated that the State is coming out with a law that requires all household batteries to be individually taped or bagged prior to transportation to eliminate the possibility of a fire. Right now this law is voluntary but by January 2010 it will become law.

The question was asked as to what the Recycling Rate is, PMK indicated that it has been holding at about 35 percent for the last few years. It has also been

noticed that the solid waste disposal is dropping but the recycling rate is not going up.

Jean Clark asked if they are accepting the \$3.00 tax at the rail facility. Mr. Onysko informed her that they are collecting the tax and are paying it but indicated that he would find out for sure and report back at the next meeting.

Covanta Energy

George Kimiecik informed the council that on May 15th, the facility had a solid waste inspection by the DEPE. It was noted that recyclables are coming in with the loads. The DEPE was going to contact Nick Maddolini of the Health department about threshold quantities and to institute some kind of inspection procedure for this. The DEPE indicated that they were unhappy with the recyclables coming off the trucks.

Hank Asher stated that Covanta had won the Business Partnership Award and from a plant perspective they were very proud. He said that with help of the City of Newark they cleaned up the ¼ mile stretch of road leading into the facility and picked up 7 tons of debris. Kim Greene of the City of Newark said they have a good relationship with Covanta.

Mr. Asher said that the plant is running really well. No scheduled outages until the Fall. There may be a little line into the plant due to the holiday but it should pose no issue, if anyone has a problem he said to contact him.

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

- No representation.

6. PRESENTATIONS - None

PLAN AMENDMENTS

There were 4 plan amendments as follows, Transload America TLA for a transfer Station/ MRF, 126LLC/Passaic River Terminal for a class D recycling facility, American Recycling, LLC for a class B recycling facility, and American recycling, LLC for a Transfer Station/MRF. All amendments were approved for recommendation to the Essex County Freeholder Board.

NEW BUSINESS – None

OLD BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, the Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Onysko, Chief – Engineering/ Operations
Essex County Utilities Authority

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MONTHLY TONNAGE REPORT

April 2009

Solid Waste delivered to the Essex County Resource Facility/Transfer Station.

Essex Delivered	28,946.55 Tons
Out-of-District Waste	46,249.96 Tons
Special Delivered	68.830 Tons
Total Outbound Ash	15,903.120 Tons
Total Outbound Bulk Waste	17.830 Tons
Total Outbound Recovered Ferrous	1,264.600 Tons

Essex delivered 8,045.430 ID-13-25+27 Bulk Waste tons to the NJDEP Designated Transfer Station.

Essex delivered 11,692.580 ID-10-23+27 Municipal Waste tons to the NJDEP Designated Transfer Station.

May 2009

Solid Waste delivered to the Essex County Resource Facility/Transfer Station.

Essex Delivered	31,525.460 Tons
Out-of-District Waste	52,221.310 Tons
Special Delivered	180.750 Tons
Total Outbound Ash	18,152.61 Tons
Total Outbound Bulk Waste	10.120 Tons
Total Outbound Recovered Ferrous	1,579.320 Tons

Essex delivered 8,071.330 ID-13-25+27 Bulk Waste tons to the NJDEP Designated Transfer Station.

Essex delivered 11,430.43 ID-10-23+27 Municipal Waste tons to the NJDEP Designated Transfer Station.