



# THE ESSEX COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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## NOTICE

Dear Solid Waste Advisory Council Member:

The next meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at Covanta Energy located at 183 Raymond Blvd. Newark, New Jersey.

**Please be advised, there will be a Recycling Coordinators meeting at 12:00 pm. with the SWAC meeting to follow.**

**Please make every effort to attend.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Michael Onysko, Chief Engineering/Operations  
Essex County Utilities Authority

## **AGENDA**

### ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL Tuesday – May 25, 2010

- CALL TO ORDER
- OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 23, 2010
- CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENTS
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
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## MINUTES

### ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting - Tuesday, March 23, 2010

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at Garibaldi Hall located at the Essex County Environmental Center, 621 Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ... The Recycling Coordinator's meeting began at 1:10 pm. The SWAC meeting immediately followed at 2:10 p.m.

#### PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Russell A. Jones, Jr., Livingston

Paul Olshen, Livingston

Jean Clark, LWV

Rob Teeter, PMK Group

Jared Eudell, PMK Group

Rich Erickson, PMK Group

Michael Onysko, Essex County Utilities Authority

Don Wharton, East Orange

Hank Asher, Covanta

Ken Armellino, Covanta Energy

Richard Fernicola, South Orange

Nick Salese, Sr., West Orange

Gerard Shimonaski, Verona

Eric Burbank, Maplewood

Kathleen Leventhal, Maplewood

Sandra Berardi, West Caldwell

Howard Levison, South Orange

Craig Brandon, Montclair

Gary Schall, Roseland

Alexander A. Trento, West Caldwell

Tim Monaham, Millburn

Ken Ventre, Millburn

Nick Maddaloni, ECHD

Daniel Donovan, Cedar Grove

Brenda Anderson, City of Newark

Mario Bifalco, Caldwell

Roger Kerr, Essex Fells

Patty Davis, Nutley

Salvatore Ferraro, Nutley

Ann Fau Marcluoni, Caldwell

Ronald Kall, Fairfield  
Kim Greene, Newark  
Paul Woyciechowski, Waste Management Recycling  
Ben Larkey, Waste Management Green Squad  
Susan McCarthy, West Orange  
David Yenior, Sierra Club

The Recycling Coordinators meeting began at 1:10 p.m. and adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Richard Fernicola called the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

## **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 January 26, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted

## **CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

- The Chairperson thanked everyone for coming to the SWAC meeting and informed the certified coordinators to make sure they fill out the sign in sheet because he does send the sheet to Leslie so that you can get the 2 credits. The chairman said that he attended a meeting at Rutgers last week on leaf composting. He indicated that a lot of things have changed due to regulation changes by the NJDEP. He said that if you are doing composting you should make sure everything is in order because the DEP is conducting enforcement on leaf composting sites and they are looking at everything. The towns should be aware that some of the fines that are imposed are no longer negotiable. Nick indicated that the County Health department used to do the inspections on compost sites, transfer stations, recycling facilities etc. but now this is being taken over by the DEP.

## **4. 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:

Mr. Teeter welcomed everyone to the recycling coordinators meeting. He stated that any certified recycling coordinator will receive 2 credits for attending the recycling and SWAC meetings. This has been approved by Rutgers.

**2009 Municipal Tonnage Reports and Resolutions.** Mr. Teeter reminded the council that the 2009 Municipal Tonnage Grant Reports should be in by April 30, 2010 to Joe Davis of the NJDEP electronically. Joe indicated to Rob that there would be less grace period on late submittals. Also please copy the ECUA on the report and that PMK is available to help assist the municipalities if they need it.

**Essex County 2008 Recycling Rate.** PMK stated that based on the ECUA solid waste figures and the NJDEP 30-day Desk Audit Recycling figures that the MSW recycling rate was 40.78% and the Overall recycling rate was 56.74%. It should be noted that in 2007 only 5 or 6 counties were at 40%.

**South Mountain Reservation.** PMK said that the site has been cleaned up per the direction of the NJDEP and that the ECUA, Essex County Health Department, Essex County Department of Parks, and the County Office of Purchasing have prepared and issued bids for solicitation to operate the site. A question was asked if the site would be available to municipalities. The answer was yes but that the county has first preference then if capacity is available the towns can use it. Nick indicated the in about 3 to 4 months the site would be operational. Nick said that the site was addressed in two phases. Phase one being the remediation which was costly but had to be done to bring the site into compliance with the NJDEP. The second phase was to go out for bids to operate the site, which was done. The bids went out once but were rejected for technical problems and therefore are out again.

**Greener Corners.** Jerry Shimonaski of Verona attended a seminar presented at the Caldwell Environmental Commission. He said they discussed a program which gives free containers to the municipality which can come from several different manufactures. These containers can be single, double or triple type. The company will solicit businesses in the town to advertize on the containers to pay for them. The advertizing is about \$200.00 for each container. The company will do the soliciting of the business to advertize. Part of the money is kept by the company and part is given back to the organization in the township. The only downfall is that they have to get support from the local merchants; they only supply the containers you have to empty them.

### **Recycling Enhancement Act (REA).**

PMK indicated that the ECUA had received official approval from the NJDEP for activities to enhance recycling in Essex County.

The targeted outreach Business and multi-family complex education, on-site voluntary audits, presentations for Chambers of Commerce, business and other organizations.

PMK indicated that assistance from municipal recycling coordinators is requested, suggestions sought for Housing Authorities, Chamber of Commerce, Business Partnerships, Restaurant Associations, other relevant groups and individual entities within your municipalities to host/participate in seminars. They also said that when giving seminars to businesses etc. they will stress that they should forward recycling information on tonnage to the municipal recycling coordinator.

**NJDEP Leaf Transfer Exemption.**

PMK again gave a reminder to municipalities who wish to operate a Leaf Transfer operation within their boundaries, that they must apply for and be “approved” for Exemption 19 from the NJDEP. This approval will only be in the form of an E-mail from Ross Hull, so make sure you save it. So far three municipalities have been granted the exemption.

**Legislative/Regulatory Updates.** PMK informed the committee that a bill was introduced in 2008 and was again reintroduced in January 2010 called “Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling Act”. This act would require any store that has over 10,000 square feet of space will have to provide a means for recycling plastic bags. The bills are A1246 and S238. The Bills also plan to ban the use of plastic bags by 2012.

Bill A2089/S541 a Drug take back program was introduced as a bill in February. It proposes to set up a series of secure collection sites in the municipality such as police station etc. The County may do a take back program in the future, but all the legalities must be worked out.

Bill A2225 Plastic Bag Recycling Act. States that by January 1, 2011 any plastic rigid container must have at least 25% recycle content.

Bill A2398. The intention of this bill is to eliminate the certification program for recycling coordinators. This bill was introduced last year and went nowhere, was reintroduced again and probably will go nowhere again. By 2012 each municipality will need the services of a certified recycling coordinator.

Bill A2534. This bill will prohibit the sale of mercury batteries and the disposal of mercury batteries as solid waste.

**Recycling News.** No new news at this time.

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Mr. Onysko said that the HHW and Computer collection events are coming up in May and

informed the municipalities that do bring batteries to the event to make sure that they are separated in rechargeable and non-rechargeable. The rechargeable batteries must either be taped on the ends or single bagged. Also fluorescent bulbs must be in proper containers and no broken ones will be accepted. Mr. Onysko informed the committee that the flyers are available for pickup now.

The question came up again about smoke detectors and fire detectors disposal. It was again indicated that you can either send it back to the manufacture and that if they won't take it you can send it to a company called FireX listed on the ECUA website. We know that from the last meeting a concerned resident had some and Covanta took them and sent them to FireX, they were accepted.

### **Covanta Energy**

Hank Asher of Covanta indicated that the facility is operating fine. This outage should have no impact on the operation of the facility. Mr. Asher also informed the council that boiler number 3 will have a scheduled outage of April. The outage should take about two weeks.

### **NJ Department of Environmental Protection**

**No representation**

- 5. PRESENTATIONS - Sandy Huber of the New Jersey Clean Communities gave a presentation. Sandy explained that the organization was a non-profit Title1C3 corporation which is primarily funded by the State. The purpose of the organization is to retrieve information and change attitudes, and has been up and running since 2003. The main job is to collect statistical reports. The grant is based on road mileage and housing units, if a town has fewer than 200 housing units, it will not receive any money. County money is based on road mileage only. You can go to the Clean Communities web site at [WWW.NJCLEAN.COM](http://WWW.NJCLEAN.COM) and access the 2008 and 2009 reports. She indicated that all of the towns have not submitted their report for 2008 and is asking that those who have not done so please do. Ms. Huber said that she does not want to get up in front of the legislature and say only half of the towns have submitted reports, the panel will then want to know what they are doing with the money. She informed the committee that they know because of budget cuts, some towns are using it for salaries and that they are prepared to defend that as public works clean-ups. The organization take the information submitted by the towns and inputs the data to create a report for the Governor and legislature. You can call the office if you should need anything.**

**As part of their education campaign they have kicked off in 2009, a "Slam Dunk the Junk" campaign. The slogan was a gift from a boy in East Orange; he coined the**

phrase at a meeting in 2007.

For many years we have promoted volunteer cleanup to get the trash off the ground. What we are trying to say with the slogan is don't put it down in the first place, put it in a litter can or recycle container.

Sandy stated that everything about the organization is on the web-site. She informed the committee that they have a big conference coming up in May at which over 2,000 people are expected.

David Yenior of the Sierra Club said that to him the slogan Slam Dunk The Junk means take everything and throw it in the Trash. Ms. Huber indicated that it means recycle what you can and then throw out the trash. Mr. Yenior said that the litter problem in New Jersey is getting worse and when he goes to other states they are much cleaner. Ms. Huber said that the problem is a product of population, the more people you have the more trash is created but that they are working on the goal of a cleaner New Jersey. Hank Asher of Covanta said that they work along with the city of Newark to try and keep the area around the facility clean.

Ms. Huber concluded by inviting everyone to get involved with the "Slam Dunk The Junk" campaign.

**PLAN AMENDMENTS - None**

**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 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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



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## MONTHLY TONNAGE REPORT

### February 2010

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

Essex Delivered	22,593.22 0Tons
Out-of-District Waste	36,405.390 Tons
Special Delivered	73.380 Tons
Total Outbound Ash	13,692.770 Tons
Total Outbound Bulk Waste	30.610 Tons
Total Outbound Recovered Ferrous	1,059.590 Tons

Essex delivered 3,512.800 ID-13-25+27 Bulk Waste tons to the NJDEP Designated Transfer Station.

Essex delivered 7,557.780 ID-10-23+27 Municipal Waste tons to the NJDEP Designated Transfer Station.

### March 2010

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

Essex Delivered	32,901.840 Tons
Out-of-District Waste	59,953.190 Tons
Special Delivered	70.53 Tons
Total Outbound Ash	16,069.61 Tons
Total Outbound Bulk Waste	50.82 Tons
Total Outbound Recovered Ferrous	1,127.31 Tons

Essex delivered 7,323.040 ID-13-25+27 Bulk Waste tons to the NJDEP Designated Transfer Station.

Essex delivered 9,157.320 ID-10-23+27 Municipal Waste tons to the NJDEP Designated Transfer Station.