

Hazardous Waste Management Plan Update

Stakeholders Group

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Role of the Stakeholder's Group

- Expectations
- Ground Rules



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Purpose of the Hazardous Waste Management Plan

WA State Hazardous Waste Management Act (Chapter 70.105 RCW): establishes a comprehensive statewide framework for the planning, regulation, control, and management of hazardous waste which will prevent land, air, and water pollution and conserve the natural, economic, and energy resources of the state.



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History of Thurston County's Hazardous Waste Plan

Background

Mid 1980's –Thurston County began to take steps to ensure public & environmental health threats posed by household hazardous waste (HHW) and small quantity generators (SQG) were minimized.

1991 – To address health threats, *the Moderate Risk Waste Plan for Thurston County* was adopted.
(referred to as the 1991 Plan)



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Background continued...

- **1996** – After several years of implementation the County wanted to re-examine goals, objectives and direction of the Plan; an update was started.
- **1998** – *Hazardous Waste Plan for Thurston County* updates the original plan and presents a refined strategy for the future.
- **2008** – Revised plan due to changing demographics, community needs and state and local priorities.



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Elements of the 1991 Plan (on-going)

- Household hazardous waste collection facility
- Used motor oil collection
- Oil filter collection
- Waste exchange /materials exchange (Swap Shop)
- Education on waste reduction, recycling & disposal, reducing health risks
- Waste Line – Business Information Line
- Technical assistance campaigns
- Business waste collection service
- Complaint response and enforcement



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Elements adopted in the 1998 Plan

- Assess collection needs
- Paint swaps
- Emergency planning
- Multi-media campaigns
- Business inspection in wellhead protection areas
- Review new business permits
- Regulatory coordination
- Program evaluation



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Desired Outcomes

- Evaluate Programs (according to existing plan)
- Identify gaps; brainstorm new ideas
- End result will be a draft plan



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Timeline

- Meeting Schedule
- Draft – to be completed by December, 2008



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Adoption Process

- Step One – Present to City Councils
 - Winter 08/09
- Step Two – With approval from all jurisdictions, present to Thurston County Commissioners for approval and adoption.
 - Spring 09
- Step Three – Approval by Ecology
 - Summer 09



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Hazardous Waste Plan Update Website

- www.thurston.wa.us/health/ehhw/hwplan/index.html



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