

Midwest E-waste Policy Initiative

Missouri E-scrap
Stakeholder Workgroup
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Participants

- Illinois EPA
- Iowa DNR
- Minnesota PCA
- Michigan DEQ
- Wisconsin DNR

Support provided by
EPA Regions 5 and 7

Why regional approach?

- Lack of national system
- Consistency
- Efficiency in administration
- Strength in numbers

Goals

- Develop a regional, harmonized approach to e-waste collection and recycling
- Stakeholder input, but did not expect stakeholder consensus
- Intended to provide guidance and recommendations to lawmakers

Process

- Started discussions summer of 2005
- Draft model legislation
- Stakeholder meeting for feedback on draft
- Discussions with CSG & NERC
- Moved from ARF to producer responsibility model
- Issued Policy statement

Policy statement

- Elements to be included in legislation
- Letters of support from 4 of the states involved
- MN was very close to passing legislation consistent with policy
- Consistent with the model legislation developed by CSG & NERC

Manufacturer's Responsibilities

- Manufacturers are responsible for recycling electronics based on their market share.
- They may choose to pay a per pound fee to the state in lieu of recycling themselves.
- They may work jointly (similar to RBRC) to set up recycling programs
- Manufacturers collecting more than their obligation may bank or sell excess credits

Retailer's responsibilities

- May only sell products from manufacturers that are in compliance
- Report sales to manufacturers
- Are considered the “manufacturer” for store brands

State Agencies

- Manage the state program (paid for by manufacturers who do not want their own program or who recycle less than their share)
- Certify recyclers
- May enter into an agreement with other states for administration of program.

Other provisions

- Landfill ban after 2 years
- Incentive for collections in rural areas
- Market share based on pounds of TVs
Monitors, laptop and desktop computers sold
- Many more types of electronics count toward meeting recycling goals.

Next Step



Legislation



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