

M R R A NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2005

2005 LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP



MINNESOTA
RESOURCE
RECOVERY
ASSOCIATION

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

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Member-at-Large -
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Bonding Bill

The bonding bill with \$4 million in CAP grants for the City of Red Wing and Olmsted County was adopted early in the session.

"Bricks and Mortar"

An exemption from sales tax for the building envelope similar to what we already receive on processing equipment was adopted.

Processing Credit

The credit sunseted June 30, 2005. No new dollars were found.

MSW as Biomass and Renewable

Next session we will work to clarify the original bill of two years ago providing that the State's renewable objective include 1% of all retail power from Biomass including MSW.

Task Force

A Waste Management Task Force was created to examine organic waste, CRTs and land-filling. The organic issue includes the applicability of the processing credit and its value

so there will be further discussions this fall on the processing credit.

Other Issues

- The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance merged.
- CRT ban for residential electronics was extended to 2006.

For further information please contact Trudy Richter, MRRA Executive Director.

QUICK FACT

Waste-to-Energy Facilities, with the addition of mercury control equipment and with counties mercury recycling and reduction programs, are credited with helping Minne-

sota reach a 73% reduction of mercury emissions since 1990.



OT CERTIFICATION COURSE—FALL DATES!

The Operating Training (OT) Certification Course is held twice annually. The next course is being offered October 18 through October 21 at Southeast Technical Red Wing Campus, located at 308 Pioneer Road, Red Wing Min-

nesota. For more information or to sign-up for the course, please contact Peter Torkelson at 507-467-4500.

MRRA GREENHOUSE GAS REPORT SUMMARY

Paper Recycling

• Total amount recycled: 293,578 tons

• Carbon Dioxide emissions reduced or sequestered:

167,339 tons

• Methane emissions reduced or sequestered: 881 tons

MSW Incineration

• Total amount incinerated:

197,539 tons

• Methane emissions reduced or sequestered: 20,246 tons

As reported in the 2004 EIA Greenhouse Gas Report.

[SEPTEMBER 2005]

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SCHEDULE OF FALL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

16 **MRRRA General Meeting**
 Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Pope-Douglas Solid Waste Management
 2115 South Jefferson, Alexandria

OCTOBER

18-21 **Operating Training Course**

Location: Southeast Technical Redwing Campus
 308 Pioneer Road, Red Wing

Contact: Peter Torkelson
 507-467-4500

NOVEMBER

18 **MRRRA General Meeting**
 Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: HERC
 Hennepin County Visitor Center
 417 N. 5th Street, Minneapolis

STAY WIRED

A new, updated MRRRA website to be launched soon!

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The Minnesota Resource Recovery Association (MRRRA) is a public/private partnership seeking to find a collective voice regarding integrated waste management practices at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the Legislature. Together the MRRRA facilities seek to meet the resource recovery needs of Minnesota.