

FINAL	RI Mercury Reduction Commission 3/04/2005 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM RI DEM, Office of Waste Management, Conference Room, Providence RI	
Type of meeting:	Meeting #15	1 of 4 pages
Attendees:	<p>Commission Members Present: Marcella Thompson (Chair), Terry Gray, Elizabeth Stone, Pamela Horner, Jamie Magnani, Eugenia Marks (arrived at 11:00a), Andrew Knapp, Robert Vanderslice, Howard Rosenberg (arrived at 10:45a)</p> <p>Commission Members Excused: Sheila Dormody</p> <p>Commission Members Absent: Claude Cote, Nicholas Tsiongas, Susan Kaplan (RIEDC)</p> <p>Guests: Beverly Migliore (RI DEM)</p>	
----- Agenda Topics -----		

Discussion:

Call to order by Chair Marcella Thompson at 10:05 am. Quorum reached at 11:00a. Reviews meeting agenda. No changes. February 18th meeting minutes reviewed and approved without any changes. Reviewed recommendations section and other sections that need to re-written and worked on further before the report is finalized (see to do list below).

Votes Taken on Delaying Various Implementation Dates

Commission members Pam Horner, Bob Vanderslice, Terry Gray, Eugenia Marks, Jamie Magnani, Howard Rosenberg, Marcella Thompson and Andrew Knapp all vote to accept the following legislative changes:

- a. Keep the implementation dates for the “violations” and “healthcare facility” at July 1, 2005; and
- b. Push back the implementation dates for the following sections to July 1, 2006 – phase-outs (just first tier), labeling, disposal ban, and collection requirement. No one voted in opposition.

Discussion of Sources of Mercury Inside Rhode Island – focusing on home heating oil and mercury releases.

Discussion of dental amalgam. The RI mercury law doesn't specifically address dental mercury and the commission has not focused its discussions, hence it is difficult to render any formal recommendations on the topic. Elizabeth Stone and Bev Migliore from DEM will draft paragraph to be inserted into the report on this topic.

Vote Taken on Phase Out Step Three

Discussion of Connecticut's mercury law and recent report. Specific discussion of eliminating RI's third phase-out tier (products containing between 10 mg and 100 mg of mercury). Motion made by Pam Horner to eliminate third phase-out tier. Commission members Pam Horner, Marcella Thompson and Andrew Knapp all voted in favor of the motion; Commission members Bob Vanderslice, Terry Gray, Eugenia Marks, Jamie Magnani and Howard Rosenberg all voted against the motion. The motion is defeated by a vote of 3 to 5. The Commission will recommend that the third phase-out tier will remain as currently written.

Vote Taken on Exemption of HID Lamps from Phase-Out

Discussion of exempting high intensity discharge (HID) lamps from phase-out part (d). Discussion includes energy efficiency benefits of HID lamps, need for lamp manufacturers to apply for exemptions every two years if not exempted, lamps in the semi-conductor industry. Motion made by Pam Horner to exempt HID lamps from phase-out portion of the RI mercury law: Commission members Pam Horner, Marcella Thompson, Andrew Knapp, Bob Vanderslice, Terry Gray, Jamie Magnani and Howard Rosenberg all vote in favor. Commission member Eugenia Marks votes against said motion. The motion is accepted by a vote of 7 to 1. The Commission will recommend HID lamps will be exempted from the phase-out section of the law and submit specific wording (see below).

Vote Taken on Phase Out Regarding Fluorescent Lamps

Discussion to eliminate the requirement for fluorescent lamps to have no more than 10 mg of mercury by 2010. If manufacturers choose to continue selling/distributing said products in RI, they will need to apply for an exemption at that time. Motion made by Pam Horner to eliminate the requirement for fluorescent lamps to have no more than 10 mg of mercury by 2010. Commission members Terry Gray, Eugenia Marks, Howard Rosenberg, Jamie Magnani and Marcella Thompson all vote against said motion. Commission members Pam Horner, Bob Vanderslice, and Andrew Knapp all vote in favor of said motion. The motion is defeated by a vote of 5 to 3. The Commission will recommend that the language regarding mercury content of fluorescent lamps (10 mg limit) remains.

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Conclusions:			
<p>Phase-out and exemptions:</p> <p>NOT DELETED (3) Ten (10) milligrams for mercury added fabricated products or ten (10) parts per million (ppm) for mercury added formulated products, effective July 1, 2009.</p> <p>ADD to (d) Fluorescent lamps and high intensity discharge (HID) lamps, including metal halide, high pressure sodium, and mercury vapor types shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.</p> <p>NOT DELETED As of January 1, 2010, the mercury content of fluorescent bulbs shall either not exceed ten (10) milligrams or the manufacturer shall comply with the exemption requirements pursuant to subsection (f) of this section.</p> <p>Timetables:</p> <p>CHANGE July 1, 2005 to July 1, 2006 in all sections EXCEPT violations and healthcare facility which will remain July 1, 2005.</p>			
Action items:		Person responsible:	Deadline:
Compose February 4 th and March 4 th meeting minutes, distribute electronically and address feedback comments with the commission members.		E. Stone and M. Thompson	25Mar05
Post final meeting minutes on website		E. Stone	25Mar05
Rewrite section 2 of commission report in response to draft edit comments at prior meeting. Submit new version to Pam Horner for/at next meeting.		R. Vanderslice	25Mar05
Rewrite section 4 of commission report in response to draft edit comments at last meeting. Submit new wording for specific recommendations as discussed in prior meeting. Submit new versions to Pam Horner for/at next meeting.		T. Gray	25Mar05
Draft paragraph for report regarding dental amalgam program. Review draft commission report and edit for continuity/bridges between sections for better flow. Submit new version to Pam Horner for/at next meeting.		E. Stone, B. Migliore	25Mar05
Followup on details discussed at this meeting with re E-Waste Subcommittee (see below) and report to Commission at next meeting for review.		C. Cote, J. Magnani	25Mar05
Incorporate above changes into report		P. Horner	25Mar05

REMINDER Commission members to provide feedback on the report in advance of the next commission meeting. Written comments should be sent to Chair Thompson and Pam Horner.

March 25th Special presentation by representatives from the auto manufacturers, auto dealers and/or auto body sectors.

Future meetings: TBD at next meeting: please bring calendars.

Action items:

Person responsible: Deadline:

1. Complete and post Agenda for March 25, 2005 meeting.

M. Thompson and E. Stone 22Mar05

2. Discuss exemption process criteria and timeline, specifically, to change every two years to every five years.	T. Gray	25Mar05
3. Review wording of recommendations regarding biological and environmental monitoring programs.	All	25Mar05

Adjournment

Chair Thompson adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:00 pm.

Recorded by Elizabeth S. Stone of RI DEM

Reviewed and Edited by Marcella R. Thompson, Chair

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