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Subject: RE: Metro Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Hi All,

I've spoken with a number of you and, based on that input, I don't think SWAC is the right forum for the compostable food service products discussion at this time.

Therefore, no meeting in November. Enjoy your month.

Matt

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SWAC members,

Since we completed our sustainable food system work last month and there are no Solid Waste Roadmap-related topics ready for our engagement, the Metro SWAC will not meet on October 20.

I would like to get your thoughts on a potential topic for discussion in November and December. DEQ has convened multiple meetings of industry and government stakeholders over the past few months to discuss compost feedstock standards. My understanding is that much of the conversation has focused on issues associated with compostable food service products in organics collection programs. In light of the expected growth in commercial and residential collection programs in our region over the next few years, it may be useful to bring the discussion started by DEQ into the regional context. Specifically, it might be useful for SWAC to try to develop some regional recommendations or findings regarding feedstock standards for allowable compostable food service items and the related issue of end product standards. I don't believe we would be developing policy options for the Metro Council – the stated purpose of SWAC -- but instead helping to refine our efforts related to a priority area in the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

Let me know what you think about this idea. Thanks.

Matt