

## **Association of New Jersey Household Hazardous Waste Coordinators (ANJHHWC) Virtual (via Zoom) Meeting March 11, 2022**

### **Attendance:**

#### **County Members**

E. Wayne Bryant, Atlantic County  
Mark Vangieri, Bergen County  
Ann Moore, Burlington County  
Brian Costantino, Camden County  
Emma Nolan, Cumberland County  
Carmine Graziano, Hudson County  
Alexander Savage, Hudson County  
Rebecca Lunger, Hunterdon County  
Jenny O'Sullivan, Hunterdon County  
\*Dan Napoleon, Mercer County  
Lynn Ust, Middlesex County  
Fred Stanger, Middlesex County  
Anthony Marrone, Morris County  
Sean McLaughlin, Ocean County  
Nina Seiden, Passaic County  
Florence Beckett, Salem County  
\*Melissa Harvey, Somerset County  
Michael Rathbun, Sussex County  
Stuart Newman, Union County

\*Board Member

#### **Business Members**

Kelly Menzel, ACV Enviro  
Ron Potter, MXI  
Patrick Dyrness, Newtech Recycling

#### **Individual Members**

Ed Waters, NJ Chemistry Council  
Diana Vigilante  
Ernie Kuhlwein

#### **Welcome**

Ms. Harvey welcomed everyone to the meeting at 9:30am and indicated that Mr. Sims could not make the meeting due to an illness. She asked if someone was willing to take notes and Mr. Stanger agreed to do so.

#### **PaintCare**

Ms. Harvey introduced the topic of PaintCare by informing the group that Mr. Sims met with the Governor's Office and the primary reason PaintCare was not passed was because of the tax (fee) placed on each container of paint purchased, and the impact it would have on NJ consumers.

Mr. Waters explained that the fee placed on each container of paint to fund the management of end-of-life paint is more than fair, as it is dictated by the true costs of the program, with complete transparency. The fee can be adjusted up or down according to the needs of the program, based on how much paint is returned to the designated drop-off locations.

A lengthy discussion ensued including comments and questions from several members including Mr. Stanger, Mr. Costantino, Mr. Vangieri, Mr. Napoleon, Ms. Moore, Mr. Potter, Ms. Vigilante, and Ms. Seiden.

Some key points include:

- Amendments to the language over the years included removing the fee from appearing on paper receipts and the allowance of phasing in spray paint management into the program
- There may be additional reasons why the bill was not signed into law that were not provided to ANJHHWC
- If the NJ DEP is not favor, the law will likely fail again
- If the NJ DEP is an advocate of recycling latex paint, PaintCare is a way to get there
- Find a prominent politician / celebrity to be a proponent / spokesperson to support future efforts to pass the law
- The tax (fee) is actually a user fee, and only those residents who are buying paint are funding the program, not everyone
- Paint contractors can also take advantage of PaintCare which may stop them from leaving paint behind for their customers to take care of
- Re-visit the idea to meet with the NJ DEP, especially in light of the fact that there have been key personnel changes since the last effort
- Mr. Waters agreed to consolidate changes to the legislation language from past efforts and provide it to ANJHHWC
- Find ANJR and ANJHHWC members to meet with the NJ DEP in the near future

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Harvey asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the in-person meeting held on September 28, 2021. Mr. Napoleon made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Vigilante and the motion passed.

### **DOT Training**

Ms. Harvey mentioned that ANJHHWC reached out to the company that provided the DOT training 3 years ago, NATC (North American Transportation Consultants, Inc. <http://nadc-inc.com/> ) conducted by JP Gibbons, and NATC won't be able to provide training for 6-8 weeks. A quote will be obtained from NATC, and Mr. Napoleon will contact the Mercer County Fire Academy to see if the training can take place there at a date to be determined.

### **Additional Discussion**

Mr. Costantino brought up the issue of solar panel management and it was generally agreed that if NJ designates solar panels as a Universal Waste, it will greatly enhance the ease of managing this up can coming problematic waste stream through existing Class D recycling facilities. The group should consider adding solar panels to the discussion with the NJ DEP representatives.

Mr. Stanger reminded the group that annual elections are due.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Harvey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Vigilante made a motion, seconded by Mr. Napoleon and the meeting ended at 10:20am.