

Notes from Act 154 Working Group Meeting, July 19, 2016
Montpelier Room, National Life Building, Montpelier, VT
Facilitated by Trey Martin, ANR Deputy Secretary

At 9:00 a.m. Trey Martin convened the meeting with introductions, brief summaries of individual interests and expertise regarding chemical use and regulation in Vermont, and a discussion of the charge from the legislature with all in attendance.

Next, Ernie Kelley, Program Manager of the Residual Waste & Emerging Contaminants Program, Jordan Gonda, Staff Attorney for the ANR Waste Management and Prevention Division, and Trey Martin reviewed the provided outline of the proposed background materials and research that an ANR internal working group is researching. The Working Group discussed potential structure for further background analysis including a suggestion to address regulatory requirements of chemical categories (e.g. pesticides, industrial, personal care products) by a life cycle analysis (e.g. generation, use, transportation, disposal). ANR staff agreed to work on an outline for the report based on that approach.

The meeting finished with discussion of future meeting locations and logistics. A subcommittee (including Sarah Vose, Carey Giguere, Dr. Ian Balcom, Scott Meyer, Josh Cox, Ken Rumelt and Martin Wolf) agreed to meet with ANR staff to continue organizing the draft report based on the life cycle analysis proposed during the meeting and bring recommendations for the report back to the group at the next meeting. A second subcommittee (including Ruma Kohli, Shaina Kasper, Josh Cox, Martin Wolf, Anne Hoogenboom, Bill Driscoll, and Mitch Krauss) agreed to work with ANR staff to plan the agendas and work plans for future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, from 9 a.m. to noon. **Please note** *that we have reserved Room 11 in the Vermont State House for this and future meetings (9/19, 1 – 4 pm; and 10/20, 1 – 4 pm).* We will test the conference line in advance of the next meeting and provide a call-in number for those who can't attend in person.

We will contact those members of the committee who expressed interest in joining either or both of the subcommittees established this week to set up a time for conference calls between now and the next meeting of the whole group. Please let us know if you'd like to join either of the two sub-committees, switch committees or drop off those groups as soon as possible.

We will send out a meeting agenda, materials and reminder about the change in venue shortly before the next meeting.

Working Group members in attendance:

Dr. Ian Balcom, *Lyndon State College*

Paul Burns, *Vermont Public Interest Research Group (VPIRG)*

Marc Colety, *Mack Molding*

Josh Cox, *VT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security*

Bill Driscoll, *Associated Industries of Vermont*

James Ehlers, *Lake Champlain International (LCI)*

Cary Giguere, *VT Agency of Agriculture Food & Markets*

Jon Groveman, *Vermont Natural Resources Council (VNRC)*

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Shaina Kasper, *Toxics Action Center (TAC)*
Ruma Kohli, *Global Foundries*
Mitch Krauss, *Burton Snowboards*
Trey Martin, *VT Agency of Natural Resources*
Scott Meyer, *VT Occupational Safety and Health Administration (VOSHA)*
Ken Rumelt, *Vermont Law School*
Sarah Vose, *VT Department of Health*
Martin Wolf, *Seventh Generation*
Anne Hoogenboom, *Cabot Creamery*

Interested parties and guests in attendance:

Joe Choquette, *Downs Rachlin Martin*
Aaron Page, *Cabot Creamery*
Nicole Sala, *Seventh Generation*
Olivia Cruz, *VPIRG, VLS*
Lizzie Tisher, *VLS*
Jacklyn Velasquez, *VLS*
Tristan Durand, *VLS*
Miranda Jensen, *VLS*
Matt Mollica, *VLS*
Kathleen Masterson, *VPR*

ANR staff in attendance:

Ernie Kelley, *Agency of Natural Resources*
Tami Wuestenberg, *Agency of Natural Resources*
Marjorie Gale, *Agency of Natural Resources*
Jordan Gonda, *Agency of Natural Resources*
Tracy Lafrance, *Agency of Natural Resources*
Lynn Metcalf, *Agency of Natural Resources*
Joanne Garton, *Agency of Natural Resources*