

## CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS TEAM MEETING

### VIRGIN ISLANDS RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013 11:00 AM

Via teleconference line

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE VIRP:

- The Virgin Islands Recycling Partnership was created in an effort to establish a sustainable solid waste strategy—based on an aggressive program of waste reduction, recycling and composting—and moving toward a sustainable materials economy. The partnership includes government (at all levels), non-profit organizations, citizens, environmental groups, and the private sector. The Environmental Finance Center at Syracuse University (EFC) is using its solid waste management and recycling expertise to assist in facilitating the partnership. The VIRP is comprised of commodity-based teams, including this Construction and Demolition Debris Team. Learn [more](#).

#### ATTENDEES:

- Jim Casey, US Environmental Protection Agency
- Keshema Webbe, US Environmental Protection Agency
- Laura Cardoso, Environmental Finance Center at Syracuse University
- Mario Leonard, VI Waste Management Authority, St. Thomas (also often on St. Croix)

#### AGENDA:

- Establish goals of the team
- Discuss the progress of current team initiatives

#### DISCUSSION OF TEAM GOALS AND CURRENT INITIATIVES:

- Make developments doable
- Ensure that there are enough places to store materials
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- Have clear specifications on how glass is utilized and get the public informed
  - o What should public know?
    - Size of aggregate
- Should glass be used in pavements?
  - o Safety issues?
  - o Carefully outlines specifications
- There is currently no separation

- Do we have the volume necessary to do larger scale industry? he team should pull together data on what we're producing. (Leonard)
  - Waste characterization study
    - Where is material being generated from and how is it being managed?
    - Ask Public Works about the flow of materials.
    - 6,500 diametric tones of glass (30-40 truckloads) of glass per year
  
- Are there issues with permits in VI? (Cardoso)
  - Permits go through DPNR
  - Depends on final use of the materials
  - Haulers make contracts

#### FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS AND TASKS:

- Mario Leonard to be a Team Chair. The team will look for a co-chair.
- EFC will send Mario team a contact list
- Geoff Garrison is available as an EPA representative on St. Croix
- Learn more about glass and good examples and glass recycling
  - Needs specifications (le: What percentage of aggregate?)
  - Are asphalt companies interested?
  - Is there a potential market for pulverized glass?
- Share contacts for Public Works [Leonard]
- Share information with Jim Casey [Leonard]
- Check with landfill controller re: EPA DB on waste production [Garrison]