

November 18, 2004

PVC Reduction Committee Meeting Minutes

In attendance: John Matthews, Jeff Bickford, Ellen Twist, Russ Johnston, Bob Andrews, Joe Gordon, & Glenn Zimmerman.

The goal of the PVC Reduction Committee is: Reduce PVC and toxic producing materials in the Marion County waste stream by removal from disposal by burning. In addition to removal, continuing education is essential to the programs.

FINDINGS: One day voluntary collection of PVC: year 2003- 1 1/2 tons (3,000Lbs) year 2004- 2 1/2 tons (5,000Lbs) Approximately 10% of Out of County Infectious Medical Waste (OCIMW) is PVC (200lbs per 2000lbs) There is already recycling of PVC going on, not someday, but now.

RECOMENDATION:

- 1) Marion County provide FREE PVC drop-off at Browns Island and SKRTS.
 - Fund education and promotion program;
 - a) For free drop-off
 - b) Find PVC alternatives
 - c) Reduce backyard/fireplace burning of trash through education/enforcement
 - Fund existing programs and future PVC Recycling.
- 2) Yearly report on PVC collection/diversion and funds spent.
- 3) Raise the OCIMW capacity from 1500 tons to 2500 tons and use the funds to pay for the above programs.