

# Waste Management

Sustainable Materials Management (SMM), is a very positive direction for the agency and the waste system in general. WM supports SMM generally. Addressing the top end of the hierarchy is a positive approach.

Especially when working on organics, making sure there are end markets for that material (and for recyclables). There needs to be lots of education on organics to prevent contamination. The agency might be moving a little bit too fast -- not sure the industry can ramp up that quickly in terms of trucks, supply, and capital needed to support the rollout of curbside organics pickup across all seven counties. Dakota County adjusting to weekly recycling has been difficult to comply with; they do not have the drivers or trucks to meet that requirement.

In Hennepin County they are required to offer organics. They have about 3% participation currently. 3%-5%, 5% is generous. Caution on weekly recycling for both organics and recyclables. Not sure the hauling industry can meet what's needed to fulfil this requirement.

Agree with comments on pre-processing; space limitations and expense is a big concern. More needs to be done to address the dangers of batteries.

CON and Appendix D; concerns about the commissioner revoking and rescinding Certificate of Need. They invest in development of a cell. If CON is pulled when that space has been built if it is not useable and investment is lost.

Not sure how many studies really need to be done instead of every facility doing waste comp studies. Do some representative studies instead of requiring all to do them.