



SOLID WASTE OPERATIONS REPORT

September - October 2006

November 22, 2006 TMC Meeting

PLANT:

- In September a total of 32,262 megawatts were sold.
- Boiler availability was 97.93%
- In October a total of 16,694 megawatts were sold.
- Boiler availability was 67.62%

LANDFILL:

- The new Class III area is complete and will open when the area currently being used is brought to grade.
- We are moving dirt from the Sod Farm to the Toytown Landfill as part of the project to restore the grades at Toytown.

SYSTEM PERFORMANCE SUMMMARY:

	<u>September 2006</u>	<u>October 2006</u>
Tons to Plant	83,732	59,254
Total Landfilled	<u>12,182</u>	<u>31,163</u>
Total System Tons	101,911	96,185

HEC₃ & MOBILE COLLECTIONS:

- In September we had 1,987 HEC₃ participants.
- In October we had 3,273 HEC₃ participants.
- There were two mobile collections in September; City of Largo Solid Waste with 534 participants, and Gulfport Recreation Center with 385 participants.
- There were three mobile collections in October, Tyrone Mall Home Depot and Circuit City with 599 participants, Safety Harbor Public Works with 534 participants on the 14th and Palm Harbor Home Depot and Stapes with 1,019 participants on the 28th.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES & ISSUES:

- We are moving ahead with preparations to initiate solid waste collection services in Lealman on January 2, 2007.
- The Beach Recycling Grant Pilot Program is complete and a final report has been issued. We are evaluating the continuation/expansion of this program in the future.
- In cooperation with Hillsborough and Manatee Counties, we have submitted a grant application to DEP to study the feasibility of a regional publicly owned materials recovery facility. This project would address the recyclables processing shortage in the region.
- DEP issued our permit including the height increase. The permit was challenged by the Carillon Property Owners Association. We are working with them to resolve several issues and expect a final permit to be issued by the end of the year and avoid a hearing.
- Our contract with the City of Clearwater to provide recyclables collection and processing was approved by the BCC.
- The BCC is also expected to approve our contract with EQ Florida, Inc. to provide chemical collection/processing services.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

- The construction of our new truck wash facility, new storage and maintenance building and landfill contractor's building are complete. We are in the process of moving into these facilities.
- Bids were received on our new HEC₃ facility. The contract is expected to be awarded in December.
- The project to stabilize the banks of Pond "A" is being prepared for bidding. The project to dredge Pond "A" has been separated from the bank stabilization project and will be issued for bids in late spring.
- The construction of our new lift station is complete.
- The installation of our new scales is underway. Two of the scales are installed with the remaining two scales scheduled over the next two months. This project is expected to be complete by the end of January, 2007.
- The investigation and design of the refurbishment of the under drain at the Toytown Landfill is continuing.
- We have begun the design project for the construction of a new water treatment system to treat Pond "A" water for the cooling tower at the WTE facility.
- We have also initiated the design for improvements to the gradient system at BWA.
- We have submitted the permit for the project to move the slurry wall along 118th Avenue to DEP. This is to accommodate the extension of CR 296. The project is expected to be bid next spring.
- A design of upgrades and refurbishments to the scalehouse is underway.

WASTE-TO-ENERGY FACILITY OPERATOR PROCUREMENT PROCESS:

- Three proposals were received for this project on November 2, 2006. They were from Covanta, Wheelabrator, and Veolia (Montenay). The evaluation committee will meet on December 6, 2006 and make a recommendation to the BCC. The new contract is expected to be signed in January, 2007.

RECYCLING/WASTE REDUCTION:

- PCU is now providing free transportation for educational tours; in September, 40 students and 27 adults received facility tours; 319 students and 45 adults attended presentations.
- In October, 36 students and 29 adults received facility tours; 80 students and 56 adults attended presentations.
- Solid Waste Operations. Interested schools should call 727-464-7500 to make arrangements.
- During October and November, test screenings of the “*No Such Place as Away*” video were conducted with elementary, middle, and high school audiences, as well as adults. Reception was very positive, and several suggestions were incorporated into the final version.
- On October 28, 2006, PCU staffed a Pinellas Recycles Day exhibit at the Country Jubilee at Heritage Village in Largo. Estimated attendance was 6,500 people. Our exhibit included the “Create-A-Critter” children’s activity and recycling information. PCU also provided recycling bins and the Recyclin’ Roadie at the event.
- Thanks to all TMC and Recycling Subcommittee members who participated in the “Great American Teach-In” on November 15th, which is also “America Recycles Day”. Presentations about solid waste management and recycling were given at 15 schools throughout the county on this date.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Please note PCU’s “Don’t Trash the Holidays” campaign on the Internet at http://www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/PDF/dont_trash_holidays.pdf. Ads promoting this campaign will also run in the following publications:
 - November 23, *Tampa Bay News*, “Holiday Gift Guide 2006”
 - December 8, *St Petersburg Times*, “Holiday Gift Ideas” insert

Recycling Sub-Committee

- Keep Pinellas Beautiful administered a campaign sign recycling pilot that was funded by a FDEP grant during the November elections. Over 2,000 campaign signs were removed and reused or recycled. Contact Keep Pinellas Beautiful (727) 533-0402 or email stoplitter@tampabay.rr.com) for more information.
- Municipal Recycling Grants totaling \$500,000 are available on a reimbursement basis for fiscal year 2006-2007. First quarter reimbursement requests are due by January 16,

2007. For more information, contact Rick Clarke (727) 464-7545 or email rclarke@pinellascounty.org.

- The Recycling Subcommittee's next meeting will be Thursday, January 11th, from 9:30 - 11:00 am. The Executive Committee (cities) will convene prior to this meeting at 9:30 am.
- **The next TMC meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2007.**

“Happy Holidays”

from the Solid Waste Staff

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Financial Summary