



Solid Waste Administrators Association Conference



**Focus now is on implementing
the ideas in the reports**

Recycling Education Committee



Goal: to provide consistent messaging for recycling and organics programs across Minnesota.

This starts with “Always” and “Never in the bin” lists.

Recycling Education Committee



Haulers, state, local governments, and regional organizations meet to discuss recycling messages around the state



"Always in the Bin" list and *Never in the Bin*" lists for recycling and organics



Tackle common challenges (i.e. asking Target to stop sales of a "recycling" bag that can't be recycled)

Better communication = more recycling!

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Haulers and MRFs can update cities and counties of any changes in markets or technology which might affect which materials they can process



Evaluate best types of recycling education campaigns that are most cost-effective and wide-ranging



Create a forum to share best practices

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Hauler reporting update

Reporting

- Inconsistent
- Need county support to ensure all licensed/operating haulers are reporting

SCORE accounts in ReTRAC are being modified (goal by January)

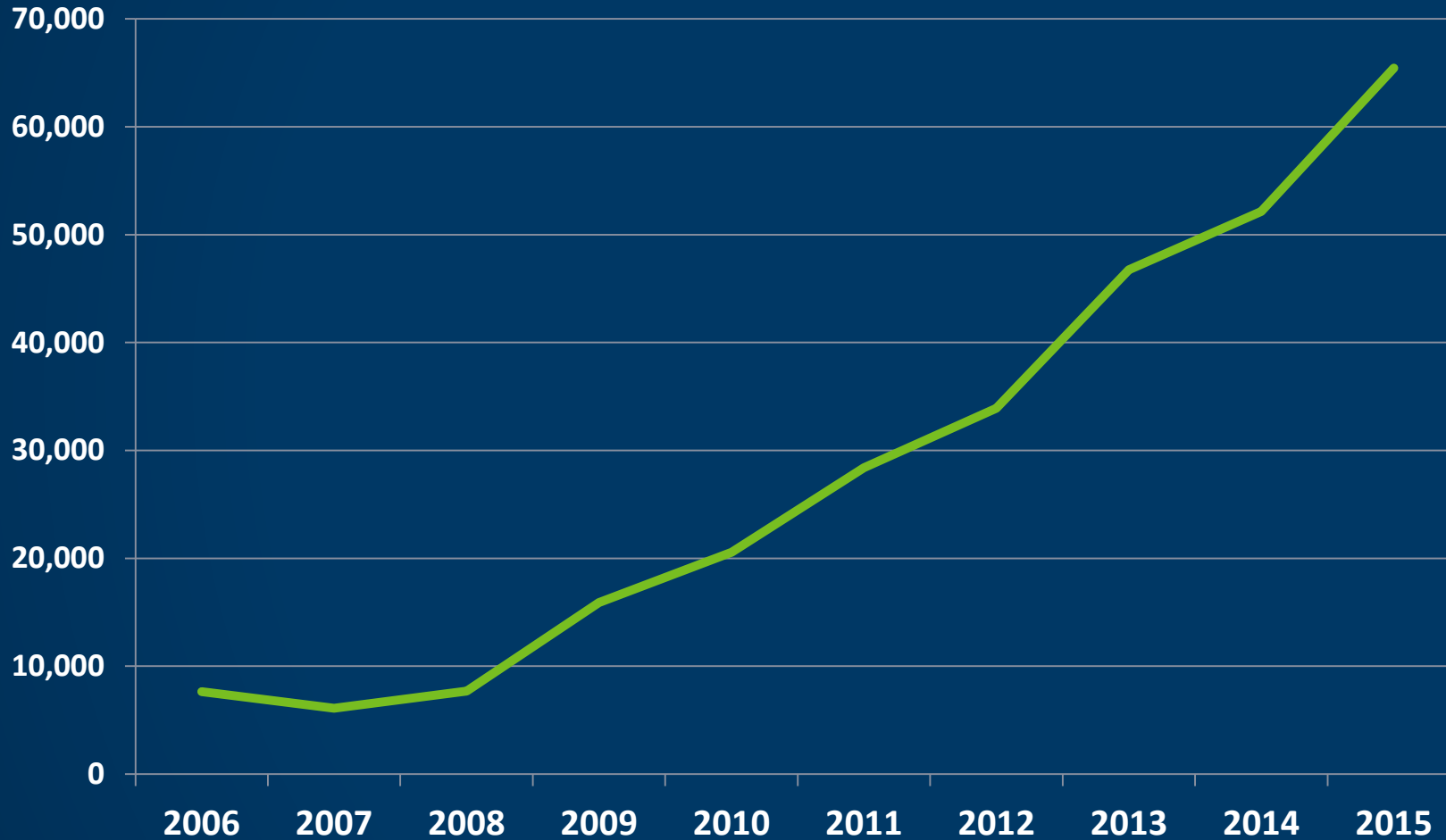
- Counties will have access to the hauler reported information
- Easier for counties to see data reported by haulers

If all haulers for the county have submitted data to the MPCA, no disposal data will need to be submitted via SCORE

If all haulers have not, the county will continue to be responsible for submitting disposal data via SCORE

Organics recycling

Source-separated organics (tons)



- Organics Recycling accounted for 575,218 tons (11%) of total MSW generation
- Source Separated Compostable Materials (SSCM) was more than double what was collected in 2011

Agency work to support organics includes:



Greater emphasis on preventing food waste and promoting food recovery



A capacity analysis of compost facilities



Proposed life cycle analysis of anaerobic digestion



Expanding compost operator training with Minnesota Composting Council

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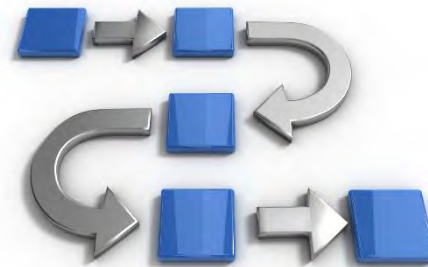
Implementation of organics recycling at Capitol Complex



Research of composting's impact on groundwater



Expanding markets for compost



Streamlined process for starting drop-offs

State registration/permit no longer required

Construction and demolition landfills

Unsuccessful in Legislature approving Governor's budget request for \$1 million per year to assist with C & D landfills

Working on consolidating readily available data, research, discussions with working group, unanswered questions

Restart up conversations with working group, including addition of environmental groups

Consolidated information helpful to start rulemaking

"Risk based" decision making when reviewing permits, extent & magnitude studies, and need for possible further actions to protect human health & environment

Greater Minnesota Recycling Grants

\$1 million per year, \$250K cap
per project

Capital Assistance Program (CAP) grants

Depends on project, \$2 million
per county

Recent increases in funding to counties

- \$3 million per year increase in SCORE in 2014
- \$2.9 million in 2016 to counties from PaintCare (created in 2013)

Thanks!