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Anaerobic Digestion

Subgroup Meeting Agenda

Date: Friday, August 24, 2018; 9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

Place: Maryland Department of the Environment
Lobby Conference Rooms
1800 Washington Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21230

9:30 Welcome and Introductions - All

9:40 Obstacles/Barriers to Anaerobic Digestion in Maryland

1) Lack of financial incentives
2) Siting and location challenges
3) Lack of clear permitting and regulatory guidance
4) Access to capital/financing

9:55 Recommendations discussed in previous HB 171 Workgroup meetings

1) Continue to identify obstacles regarding Anaerobic Digestion.
2) Clarify regulatory requirements and identify markets for AD.
3) Draft AD permit guidance document (mirror similar documents for Compost as well as Winery, Brewery and Distillery Discharge Permit Guidance)
4) Provide permit exemptions for small-scale and on-farm AD similar to exemptions from composting regulations
5) Look into regulations regarding comingling food waste with agricultural waste.
6) Explore the possibility of co-digestion at wastewater treatment plants.
7) Consider stand alone anaerobic digestion regulations and permit.
8) Establish an Agricultural Anaerobic Digestion Technical Assistance Program.
9) Workgroup should consider how to include organic waste recovery through AD as recycling under MRA
10) Explore economic incentives.
(note – all recommendations listed about were discussed in previous Study Group Meetings are were reflected in meeting summaries)

10:15  Other recommendations

10:25  Wrap up and next steps - MDE

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