

Midwest Industrial By-Products Beneficial Use Summit
Notes from Final Summary Session

Closing Remarks

August 20, 2002

11:00 - 12:00 PM

The purpose of this session was to summarize the discussions that took place in the agency and industry breakout sessions and to identify next steps from the Summit. The notes from the Agency and Industry Breakout Discussions (please refer to those documents) summarize the dialogue from those sessions, and will not be replicated in this overview. EPA and NCASI will be working with volunteers to conduct the following anticipated tasks as a follow up to the Summit.

Outreach

1. Expand understanding of by-product challenges, barriers and opportunities through

- Technical papers for academic journals
- Articles in trade publications
- Presentations at local, regional and national conferences

Follow-up Projects

2. Establish task groups to:

- Develop a statement of principles leading to guidelines or consensus standards
- Address communication and education needs (e.g., website creation, technical information exchange, quantification of benefits)

3. Establish task groups to address specific barriers for particular materials and uses

4. Develop and conduct necessary research or demonstration projects to address concerns for materials close to being accepted for widespread application

Networking

5. Letters to national and regional organizations (e.g., Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials, Northeast Recycling Coalition, Southern States Waste Management Board, Northeast Waste Management Officials Association) inviting partnerships

6. Presentation at Great Lakes By-Products Management Association meeting in October 2002 (see www.globma.org)

Additional Summit(s)

7. Solicit interest from other EPA Regions, states, multi-state organizations and industry associations to hold summits in other parts of U.S.

If you are interested in assisting in any of the above projects or have specific comments or suggestions regarding projects, please feel free to contact Paul Ruesch of EPA at ruesch.paul@epa.gov or William Thacker of NCASI at william.thacker@wmich.edu .