The Role of the States and CARE

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Summary

- Rationale for CARE
- Challenges
- Next steps for CARE
Why CARE?

- Presence of carpet in MSW and C and D.
  - Wisconsin MSW analysis (2002)
    - 2.4 percent or 116,000 tons
  - Oregon MSW analysis (2002)
    - 1.97 percent 52,817 tons
    - 1.7 percent or 163,371 tons

- Challenge for landfill and WTE facilities.
- MOU as alternative to legislation/regulations.
Challenges

- Individual company action vs. collective benefit.
- Meshing state and industry expectations.
- Adequate financial resources.
- Identifying viable technologies and companies.
Role of the States

- Market development expertise.
- Limited grant and contact funding.
- EPP programs
  - Clear guidance and standards
    - Building products
    - Carpet
  - Broader policy support may be necessary.
Next Steps

- Strategic targeting of products.
- Expanding participation and funding.
- Frame CARE for a GHG constrained future.
  - EPA has issued Life-Cycle GHG Emissions Factors for Carpet, November 2003.
Specific Recommendations

- Establish uniform identification/classification system.
- Develop better quantitative analysis.
- Recycled commodity specifications
  - Institute for Scrap Recycling Industries
- Targeted regional activity-
  - WA, OR, CA
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