

The Role of the States and CARE

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Summary



Environmental Assistance

- Rationale for CARE
- Challenges
- Next steps for CARE

Why CARE?



Environmental Assistance

- 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
 - Pennsylvania MSW analysis (2003)
 - 1.7 percent or 163,371 tons
- Challenge for landfill and WTE facilities.
- MOU as alternative to legislation/regulations.

Challenges



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

Role of the States



Environmental Assistance

- 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



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- 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



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- 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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