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Solid Waste Decision Timeline

March 2005 – Carroll County secured the services of R.W. Beck to complete a comprehensive study on the County's waste management options.

October 2005 – R.W. Beck presented their report on long term waste disposal options indicating that WTE may be the lowest cost waste disposal option.

January 19, 2006 – Carroll County Commissioners adopted resolution 658-06, which among other things directed the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority (NMWDA) to conduct a procurement for waste-to-energy facilities, as detailed in the R. W. Beck Report.

May 3, 2006 – Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised in Waste News (the most widely read solid waste weekly periodical with circulation of over 50,000). The RFQ was posted on the NMWDA's website along with all addenda.

October 6, 2006 – Request for Proposals (RFP) were released to pre-qualified vendors.

December 2006 – Frederick County secured the services of RTI International to model Frederick County's solid waste disposal system/alternatives, using EPA's Municipal Solid Waste-Decisions Support Tool.

March 26, through April 1, 2007 – Staff from Frederick and Carroll Counties, NMWDA and HDR Engineers visited several European waste management facilities and met with European waste management agencies.

April 20, 2007 – NMWDA receives three WTE proposals from pre-qualified vendors.

July 14, 2007 – Frederick and Carroll Counties hosted a solid waste forum, at Frederick Community College with speakers from the Environmental Protection Agency, neighboring jurisdictions and SWANA.

September 29, 2007 – DPW staff and Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) held a workshop on solid waste disposal.

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October 9, 2007 – Carroll County staff attended the presentation of RTI International's model of Frederick County's waste disposal system/alternatives. The report showed the net total "Criteria Pollutant Emissions" for WTE to be the lowest of all options modeled (local landfill and out of state landfill).

November 15, 2007 – The EAC presented their recommendation on solid waste options to the Carroll County Commissioners.

November 19, 2007 – DPW Staff with the assistance of the NMWDA presented their recommendation to the Carroll County Commissioners.

December 13, 2007 – DPW Staff, NMWDA, EAC and the Carroll County Commissioners had a panel discussion on solid waste disposal.

February 14, 2008 – Carroll County Commissioners adopted a County Government recycling policy.

February 21, 2008 – DPW staff presented information on the economics of a WTE facility to the Carroll County Commissioners.

February 26, 2008 – The Carroll County and Frederick County Commissioners had a joint meeting on solid waste management strategies. The Frederick County Commissioners invited the Carroll County Commissioners to join them in building a 1,500 ton per day WTE facility in Frederick County.

March 5 and 10, 2008 - DPW hosts public information meetings to explain the integrated materials management strategy for handling all of Carroll County waste.

April 10, 2008 – The Carroll County Commissioners conducted a public hearing on the future of solid waste in Carroll County.

April 17, 2008 – The Carroll County Commissioners approved joining with Frederick County to seek best and final offers from the two qualified vendors for a regional WTE facility to be located in Frederick County.

June 23, 2009 – The Frederick County Commissioners approved proceeding with the preliminary design and permitting for the joint facility at the "McKinney Site" located at the McKinney Industrial Park near the Ballenger Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant in Frederick County.

July 2, 2009 – The Carroll County Commissioners concurred with the June 23, 2009 motions passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County and authorizes the Carroll County Department of Public Works, working with its Frederick County counterpart, the NMWDA and Wheelabrator Technologies, Inc. to proceed with the preliminary plans and permits for the construction of the joint WTE facility.

July 23, 2009 – Carroll County signed a memorandum of understanding with Frederick County, defining the counties' responsibility in the regional WTE facility.

August 3, 2009 – Carroll County signed the Energy Recovery Agreement with the NMWDA, defining the distribution of energy generated by the WTE facility.

January 21, 2010 - The NMWDA signed the Service Agreement with Wheelabrator, Inc., defining the roles in the construction and operations of the WTE facility.