



Why Focus on Waste Paint?

- Large volume:
 - 2.3 gallons of paint sold/person/year
 - ~80% is latex
 - ~10% is leftover
 - ~ 5,300 gallons leftover/year in just the 7 Eastern Rensselaer County communities
- Costly to manage
 - latex can overwhelm HHW collections
 - illegal to dispose as a liquid – requires time/\$
 - disposal is not free

Why Focus on Waste Paint?

- Creates issues for transfer stations and HHW collections
 - liquids leak from equipment at transfer stations or over the road
- Disposal can cause environmental impacts
 - even latex creates air quality issues when left open to dry out
- Disposal is a waste of valuable resources!

Current Management Options



- Oil-based: HHW collection events or facilities
- Latex: dry out or mix to make solid & dispose in the trash

Proper management is not convenient

- leads to accumulation
- improper disposal

USDA Waste Paint Project

- Priority waste for Northeast states
- Asked NEWMOA to apply for funding
- Focus on rural areas:
 - communities in Maine, New York, and Vermont volunteered
- Promote strategies to:
 - prevent paint waste
 - increase reuse & recycling



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Project Partners:

- Eastern Rensselaer County Solid Waste Management Authority
- New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation

Additional stakeholders:

- Municipalities – Nassau, Pittstown & Schaghticoke
- Retailer – Wiley Brothers
- Waste Management, Inc. – At Your Door Program

Project Activities

- To Date:
 - conference calls to discuss issues & potential options
 - developed brochure on leftover latex paint best management practices – handout
 - organized this workshop
- Coming Up:
 - handout for consumers with local info
 - develop recommendations & next steps

