



**Suppliers Partnership for the Environment (SP)  
Materials Efficiency Work Group Meeting  
January 31, 2018**

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

SP's Materials Efficiency Co-Chairs Mark Yamauchi, Toyota and James Oberlee, GM called the meeting to order at 7:30am CST. They discussed the goals of the SP Materials Efficiency Work Group and provided a brief update on a project related to chromium-free leather work gloves. They noted that they would like to seek input from SP's OEM members on another Materials Efficiency project, in addition to the leather glove project.

Participants discussed challenging waste streams that the group might consider as the focus of a project, such as paint sludge, waste water treatment sludge, packaging and wood pallets.

It was noted that the current USEPA F019 exemption for waste water treatment sludge requires the waste to be sent to a landfill, however proven beneficial reuse opportunities exist such as waste to energy and cement co-processing applications. Because of the F019 landfill requirement, certain plants generating this waste are currently unable to achieve their zero waste to landfill goal. It was noted that other regions do already allow beneficial reuse of the waste, including Ontario, and that the group should seek to learn more about such programs. It was also noted that several OEMs had begun work to review the F019 exemption in the past, but that the effort did not move forward in part because the consultant working on the project moved on to another position.

It was agreed that there would be value in considering a collaborative automotive industry effort to reduce waste being sent to landfill by enabling beneficial reuse of waste water treatment sludges.

**Next Steps**

- Bridget Burnell will confirm that other industry groups, such as the Automobile Alliance, are not already working on F019.
- Mark Yamauchi will contact Dr. Bill Miller, a consultant expert on F019, to arrange a conference call with the group to discuss the issue and potential next steps.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15am CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellen Mahoney, Program Director

**Attendees**

- Al Johnston, FCA
- Greg Rose, FCA
- Sue Rokosz, Ford
- Bridget Burnell, GM
- James Oberlee, GM
- John Bradburn, GM
- Pat Van Ryckeghem, GM
- Alissa Yakali, Honda
- Kellen Mahoney, SP
- Steve Hellem, SP
- Kevin Butt, Toyota
- Mark Yamauchi, Toyota