



## Washington Organic Recycling Council Legislative Committee Charter

**Purpose:** The WORC Legislative Committee will focus on national and state regulatory agency rulemaking actions that impact the organics composting and anaerobic digestion industry such as facility operational standards and end product use and specifications. It will also track state legislation that impacts the composting and recycling industry for WORC members and recommend follow-up actions.

In addition, the Committee will coordinate outreach actions to ensure that WORC is recognized by legislators and agency policy makers as representing the state's composting industry and being the experts on organic material processing technologies and the soil amendment end markets for compost and other possible end products or organics processing such as biogas and fertilizers.

**Composition:** The Committee will be made up primarily of representatives of the private composting industry from both Western and Eastern Washington as well as public sector agencies. The Committee will have at least five permanent members (including the Chair) who will serve at least a year. Other WORC Board members are welcome to participate in Committee conference calls on topics where they have particular interest or expertise.

**Meetings:** The Committee will meet at least monthly during the Washington State legislative session (January through March or April) and every other month during other times of the year unless there is an agency rulemaking process that requires more frequent communication.

The Committee Chair will set up the conference call meetings in advance via E-mail with Committee members. Conference calls will typically be held on the third or fourth Thursday of each month from 9-10 A.M. unless another time period is more convenient for Committee members. The Chair will also send out an agenda with each meeting notice along with any pertinent agency or legislative documents for review.

The meetings will be conducted via the WORC conference call line and will last one hour unless Committee members agree that more time is necessary to discuss certain issues or documents.

**Products:** The Committee Chair will coordinate the drafting of letters or other forms of communication on agency rulemaking and any public testimony to be presented on proposed legislation. Such drafts will then be shared with the entire Legislative Committee for comment before being sent to the WORC President and Executive Committee for review. The WORC President will then share a Final Draft of WORC letters or testimony with the entire WORC Board of Directors before signing any official WORC correspondence.