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# Memo

**To:** Tony Gomillion, County Administrator  
**From:** Ronald Hixson, Environmental Manager  
**Thru:** Roger Blaylock, P.E., County Engineer  
**Date:** June 24, 2016  
**Re:** Fall Amnesty Day Collection Event



**Discussion:**

Okaloosa receives the Cooperative Collection Center Grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. We have partnered with Okaloosa County for several years to host "Amnesty Day". Amnesty Day offers residents (and CESQG's) the opportunity to dispose of household hazardous waste at no charge. The same materials are accepted at the HHW facility, at Central Landfill, throughout the year; however, Amnesty Day offers a more convenient drop off location (drive through drop off on a regularly traveled commute) and due grant funding, SRC only pays for 25% of the disposal cost. Hosting the event diverts toxic chemicals from our local community, helps the residents with disposal options, and saves thousands of dollars in disposal costs.

**Finding:**

Up until 2009, there were two event locations each year. Once our HHW facility was built, the event was reduced to once per year. The last Amnesty Day event was March of 2016. The event collected over 40,000 pounds of materials in 4 hours. Approximately 2,500 pounds were saved for reuse by the public. The remaining 37,500 lbs were shipped for safe disposal or recycled. The total cost of the event was \$18,086.28, which SRC paid \$4,541.57 and the grant paid \$13,564. SRC also received a rebate of almost \$700 for the sale of recycled metal. The grant allows for a maximum collection cost of \$33,333. (\$24,999.75 paid by the grant and \$8,333.25 paid by the county). This means there is enough of a balance of funding to host another event of nearly the same capacity.

**Action to be Considered:**

We request permission to move forward with scheduling a fall collection event, to utilize the balance of the grant funding.

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## Quantity of Items Shipped for Disposal/Recycling:

(includes drums collected the day before Amnesty Day)

	<i>Cans</i>	<i>flammable</i>	<i>latex</i>	<i>aerosols</i>	<b>Total Pounds Collected</b>
paint	5,550	3,850	6,980	1,200	17,580
	<i>liquid</i>	<i>solid</i>			
flammable liquids	1,750	1,050			2,800
pesticides	1,250	1,750			3,000
oxides	10	250			260
	<i>Acid</i>	<i>Base</i>			
corrosive liquids	500	500			1,000
corrosive solid	150	150			300
amine					10
peroxides					20
Number of CFL's	100				
Number of 4' lamps	150				
Number of 8' lamps	30				
mercury compounds					20
electronics					5,000
oil/gas					3,600
antifreeze					1,320
lead acid batteries					1,750
Propaine Cylinders					800
<b>Total Pounds Collected</b>					<b>37,460</b>

### Financial:

	<b>Price</b>
US Ecology	
Friday/Drums	\$2,386.86
Saturday/Amnesty Day	<u>\$14,591.92</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,978.78</b>
 Tents of NW Florida	 \$705.00
 Lesco Oil	 <u>\$402.50</u>
<b>Total Cost of Event</b>	<b><u>\$18,086.28</u></b> (\$4,521.57 paid by SRC, \$13,564.71 by grant)

WISE Rebate 658.65 Revenue returned to SRC for sale of 5,648 pounds of metal collected.  
(for metal purchase)

### Returned for Free Shelf:

<b>Paint</b>	
Latex	762
Oil Base	100
	<u>Total</u> 862
<b>Misc. Chemicals</b>	
Chemicals	623
Pest/Herb	239
	<u>Total</u> 862
<b>Pressurized Tanks</b>	821
(Fire Ext., Propane, Helium, Other)	
	<b>Grand Total</b> 2,545

Not mentioned:

Batteries, Televisions, Flares, Toner