Reg History

• Before 2000, Colorado did not have compost facility regs

• Promulgated new rules in 2008

• New rules mainly applied to big industrial style compost facilities

Issues Identified

• Very few opportunities for small scale composters

• Prohibitive to yard waste composting

• Rules were confusing to some folks
**Other States:**

- **Connecticut:** 106 leaf composting facilities
- **Maine:** 47 yard waste composting facilities, 56 small quantity leaf composting facilities
- **Vermont:** ~22 composting facilities (varied material acceptance)
- **Georgia:** 26 composting facilities
- **North Carolina:** 62 composting facilities, 10 biosolids composting facilities

**Right now in CO:**

- 19 commercial composting operations
- 8 agricultural composting operations that import yard waste
- 8 agricultural composting facilities registered with CDA

**New draft regulations**

New regulations are based on the USCC’s draft regs with Colorado specific items

**Stakeholder Meetings**

- Held 2 stakeholder meetings summer 2015
- September 2015 - began a data review
- We reconvened in February - 7 stakeholder meetings since

**Data review**

Our rules are consistent with other states and the contaminants of concern warrant the engineering features required by our regulations
The new regulations (2 new items)

1. New yard waste category
2. New small scale composting exemption (not restricted to backyard composting)
3. Restructured

Status of Stakeholder Process

On schedule to present to the Solid and Hazardous Waste Commission for adoption in November 2016

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