



## **Important News: SWEEP's National Consensus Committee Meeting being held this Thursday, October 24, 10:30 – 4 pm ET Online**

Because substantive comments were accepted into the standard during the last ballot, SWEEP will be holding another review and comment meeting in preparation for the release of the Pilot SWEEP Standard. In addition to these substantive comments, the SWEEP Steering Committee decided to integrate the Materials Management Industry requirements with the Local Government Standard into one unified standard.

SWEEP will be holding its second National Consensus Committee Meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. There is no need to travel to the meeting because the event will be held through the [Zoom video conferencing platform](#). The meeting will begin at 10:30 am and go until 4 pm EST. You can view the agenda for the NCC meeting, [here](#). In order to participate in the meeting, you must register for SWEEP's National Consensus Committee (NCC). It is free to join. You can join the NCC, [here](#).

SWEEP is comprised of three volunteer committees: Steering, Local Government, and Industry Committees. All committees reviewed the comments received and helped to craft responses and revise the credits in the Standard as necessary.

### **Background:**

After a National Public Meeting in Washington DC during February, 2019, SWEEP held its first NCC meeting in June and then balloted the Local Government Standard in July. SWEEP follows a National Consensus Standard (non-ANS) process through the ANSI-accredited standard setting organization, the Institute for Market Transformation to Sustainability (MTS). The MTS process requires SWEEP to re-ballot the Standard if substantive changes have been made. SWEEP found that substantive changes were needed after receiving comments during the initial ballot period on the Local Government Standard. During the upcoming NCC meeting, we will review these comments and review how SWEEP responded to and integrated these comments into the standard.

After receiving substantive comments on the Local Government Standard, SWEEP's committees decided to merge the Local Government Standard and the Industry Standard to create SWEEP Standard for Local Government and Materials Management Industry. You can view the Standard in its entirety, [here](#). Most of the technical requirements for the Industry standard are identical to those of the Local Government Standard. However, there are x credits that are fundamentally different, and we will review these different Industry requirements, along with the substantive changes in response to comments.

### **Next Steps:**

After this NCC meeting, SWEEP will incorporate comments received during the discussion and prep the Standard for another Ballot Round. Once the Pilot Standard has been published, the ballot period will be open for 30 days. Members (and only members) of the NCC can submit their ballots, voting "Yes," "Yes with Comments," "No with comments" or "Abstain." SWEEP will review the comments and respond and



incorporate comments deemed germane and correct. As with previous ballots, if substantive comments are accepted into the standard, a subsequent round of balloting and revisions will ensue.

You can view SWEEP's guide to effective commenting, [here](#). The purpose of SWEEP's pilot program is to bring "ground truth" answers to some of the questions regarding feasibility and implementation of some of the standard's requirements. Our goal is to launch the Pilot in January 2020. More information regarding the pilot program and next steps will be discussed during the meeting.

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