

# Pharmaceuticals and Product Stewardship in Minnesota

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# Government's Previous Role - Linear Waste Management System



# Government's New Role - "Cradle to Cradle" System



# NACo Pharmaceuticals Resolution

NACo Resolution adopted July, 2009

- Purpose – maximizing collection & safe disposal
- Via internalized manufacturer financing mechanism
- Covers all costs
- Not government dollars

# NACo Pharmaceuticals Resolution

- Storage and illegal use problems
- Surface water
- Increase in number of prescription drugs
- Canadian models already exist
- LOTS of phone calls, press, support – and still growing
- Next steps for Resolution....

# August 2009 New SWMCB Policy Development and Recommended Roles

- ▣ Develop policies to advance product stewardship, focus on “framework”
- ▣ Education & Communication – common definition, advance understanding with others, develop information materials
- ▣ Advocacy – legislative support, focus on framework
- ▣ Research – GHG, Canadian models, LCA
- ▣ Coordination & Regulation – partners, purchasing, targets, goals
- ▣ Prioritizing products – GHG, resource conservation, markets, infrastructures, volume, potential for success, etc.

# Minnesota and Pharmaceuticals

Pharmaceuticals collection is Needed & Wanted

- October 2007 WLSSD pharmaceutical collection – 166 households, 271 lbs., DEA controlled substance challenges
- Summer 2009 Chisago County pharmaceutical collection – Success but similar DEA challenges
- Federal legislation introduced by Amy Klobuchar, interest by Al Franken – both understand issues and poised for congressional opportunity

# MN Pharmaceutical Legislation

- 2009 Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship bill introduced, sponsored by Representative Paul Gardner
- 2010 Possible bill amendments based on stakeholder meetings:

Representative Gardner will hold stakeholder meetings this fall to clarify issues – law enforcement, abuse, environmental, health care facilities, existing BC model

Request committee hearings – County Commissioners to testify



# Next Steps

## Speak with One Voice



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