

# **Highlights of the 2005 Financial Datacall Residential Blue Box System**

## **Background**

This is the fourth year that WDO has had the responsibility for the Blue Box Financial Datacall.

For the third year running, the Financial Datacall included a calculation of administration cost based on the proportion of contracted and non-contracted services. The factors used in the administration cost calculation were modified for the 2005 Datacall from 1% to 3% of contracted costs and from 3% to 5% of municipal costs. Detailed administration costs were also requested to assist WDO and the Municipal-Industry Program Committee in their review of the administration cost factors.

## **Verification of the 2005 Financial Datacall**

In order to improve the Financial Datacall process and reduce requirements for post-submission verification pre-submission support visits were provided to 39 municipal programs.

Verification of the Financial Datacall commenced in May and was completed by the end of July. The verification process includes year over year database variance analyses to identify outliers and follow up with municipal programs to clarify questions regarding the data.

## **2005 Financial Datacall Summary Report**

The financial data, as submitted by municipal programs and including adjustments as a result of WDO's verification process, are provided in a WDO 2005 Blue Box Financial Datacall Summary Report.

The 2005 Financial Datacall Summary Report contains data as reported by the 189 recycling programs serving 373 of the 446 municipalities in the Province of Ontario in 2005, and as reviewed and verified by WDO to August 15, 2006, in accordance with Section 6.3.2 of the Blue Box Program Plan.

## **Setting the Industry Funding Contribution for 2007**

The Financial Datacall is used to determine the net Blue Box system cost in 2005 in order to calculate the 50% industry funding contribution to municipalities to support programs to manage residential Blue Box Waste in 2007.