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Highlights of the 2003 Financial Datacall Residential Blue Box System

Background

The enactment of the Waste Diversion Act in 2002 resulted in the establishment of Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) as a non-profit agency responsible for overseeing waste diversion activities in the province.

This is the second year that WDO has had responsibility for the Municipal Financial Datacall. New to the 2003 Financial Datacall was a calculation of administration cost based on the proportion of contracted and non-contracted services.

Verification of the 2003 Financial Datacall

In order to improve the Financial Datacall process and reduce requirements for post-submission verification pre-submission support visits were provided to the largest 27 municipal programs. In addition four collection process audits were carried out to determine cost allocation in co-collection systems.

Verification of the Financial Datacall occurred between June and August 2004. WDO carried out a verification process that included grouping of cost and revenue data by municipal characteristics, database analyses within these groups to identify outliers and follow up with municipal programs to clarify questions regarding the data.

Setting the Industry Funding Contribution for 2005

The Financial Datacall is used to calculate the industry funding contribution to municipalities to support programs to manage residential Blue Box Waste.

2003 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 2003 Financial Datacall Summary Report. WDO will be confirming adjustments made to Financial Datacall submissions by correspondence to Chief Administrative or Chief Financial Officers.

The 2003 Financial Datacall Summary Report contains data as reported by the 194 recycling programs serving 317 of the 446 municipalities in the Province of Ontario in 2003, and as reviewed and verified by the WDO to August 31, 2004 in accordance with Section 6.3.2 of the Blue Box Program Plan.