



## Subcommittee Convening Charter

**Subcommittee name:** Contamination Subcommittee

**Purpose/objectives:** To address contamination concerns that lead to a more resilient recycling system in Oregon. At a minimum, address confusion and inconsistencies within the system about how contamination is defined, addressed and managed to help better integrate the players in their overall response to contamination issues.

**Participants:**

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**Chair:** Dylan DeThomas, Recycling Partnership

**Tasks:**

- **First Task.** Map out the various contamination definitions from the various sectors within the system. How each sector 'sees' and defines contamination and responses will illuminate the scope of issues needing to be addressed.
  - Survey out to SC **March 7**
  - Analysis and initial report out - **March 15 SC meeting**
  - Next steps to synthesize/map -- **late March/early April**
- **Possible Future Tasks:** Review cross-cutting themes identified by the SC during January's discussion (below); suggest ways for these issues to be addressed via short term concerns, or within the SC process to address long term concerns.
  - Rapid changes in materials entering the system
  - Shifts in domestic markets
  - Lack of standards and enforcement
  - Cost burdens associated with contamination
  - Sorting and processing capabilities
  - Hazardous materials posing health and safety concerns
  - Public confusion
  - Fractures / lack of integration / lack of contractual controls within the system

Timeline for completion for each task: **First step March 15-end of March/early May; ongoing work TBD**

Facilitation/note taking assistance needed: **Yes by OC, for first task**

Duration (frequency and length) of meetings: **Group would like to go 'meeting-less' and do most work on-line but may need to gather for the mapping exercise in person. Agreement to create uniform way of participating depending on ability of group to be together, and case by case needs of that particular meeting.**

Additional scoping information relevant to this subcommittee: **TBD per results of Task 1 and further guidance from SC**