



Statewide Lists
RRA Advisory Council Meeting
Evaluation Criteria Discussion

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Snapshot of Criteria

Category	Consolidated Criteria (and associated sections of RCW 70A.208.090(b))
Existing Infrastructure and Service	Statewide collection access (iv)
	Compatibility with sorting and processing infrastructure and practicalities of sorting and storing the material (iv, vi, vii, x, xii)
Markets Factors	Responsible end markets (i, x)
	Harmonization with other states (xiii)
	Anticipated yield loss for the material during the recycling or composting process (iii, viii)
Design, Behavior, and Contamination	Adherence to design guidelines (v)
	Ease of identification and preparation (ix)
	Potential to cause contamination (viii)
Environmental and Public Health	Environmental health and safety considerations (ii)
	Environmental factors from a life-cycle perspective (xi)

Evaluation Process

- Mix of qualitative and quantitative data across multiple criteria
- Impossible to “weight” the criteria into a numeric scale

Evaluation Process

- Qualitative Evaluation Approach
 - Allows consideration of both quantitative and qualitative data
 - Enables consideration of data quality, and degree of “consensus” during the evaluation
 - Recognizes that not all criteria have the same weight for all lists

Evaluation Scale

- **Strong**
Meets most or all rating factors with high confidence and strong supporting data.
- **Moderate**
Meets some or most factors with moderate confidence and some supporting data.
- **Concerning**
Meets some or few factors with low confidence or supporting data.
- **Challenging**
Meets few or no factors with high confidence and supporting data.

Feedback sought on Evaluation Criteria:

- Are there any criteria from the legislation not sufficiently represented?
- Are there any criteria not included you would like us to consider?
- Approach to scoring:
 - What are the trade offs of a conservative vs. expansive approach for evaluating the list of candidate materials?
 - Should some criteria considered most conservatively, while other criteria be considered more expansively?
- Any other thoughts or input on Evaluation Criteria for Ecology to consider?

Consulting team is in process of addressing feedback from Advisory Council and Subcommittee members on the Companion Document

Process: Development of Evaluation Criteria

- RCW 70A.208.090(b) - Criteria that Ecology may consider (in any combination) in the process of creating materials lists
- Consulting team reorganized into 10 criteria based on:
 - Knowledge of available data, understanding of recycling processes and operations, experience of other states materials evaluation processes
 - Incorporation of RRA legislative criteria
- Each criterion was developed (“operationalized”) with:
 - A definition
 - Rating factors
 - Likely data sources, both already available and anticipated from the RFI for the needs assessment