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New Recycling Task Force to Hold First Meeting Next Week

The city's recently created Recycling Task Force, charged with conducting a comprehensive study of the city's current recycling operations, will hold its first public meeting on **Monday (April 6, 2009). The meeting at 1:30 p.m. will be held in room 301-A at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.**

Alderman Joe Dudzik, a member of the panel and longtime Department of Public Works (DPW) worker, said he expects the task force to take a close look the way Milwaukee handles recycling and how it could change – such as converting to single-stream recycling (the city currently collects and processes recyclables using a dual-stream system). “It’s my hope that the body will look at the entire recycling operation from top to bottom and answer key questions such as whether going to single-stream is a doable option that will make our system more efficient – or whether in fact it’s not our best viable option,” he said.

Preston Cole, the head of DPW’s Environmental Services Division, is chair of the task force. Other members include Deputy Comptroller Michael J. Daun, renewables/environmental business owner Lisa Schaal, and Erick Shambarger of the city’s Budget and Management Division.

The Common Council created the task force in January, and members of the Council and its standing committees have also been invited to attend Monday’s meeting.

The panel is expected to issue a report and recommendations later this year.