

## **PROGRESS REPORT**

September 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002

**PROJECT TITLE:** Assessment of True Impacts of E-Waste Disposal in Florida

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### **Progress to Date:**

The first TAG meeting was held on December 18. The project website was posted<sup>1</sup>. The following personnel have been hired to work on the project: Dr. Yong Chul Jang (post doc), Ms. Lakmini Wadanambi (graduate research assistant) and Mr. Sarvesh Mutha (graduate research assistant). The investigator attended a brominated flame retardants (BFR) meeting in San Francisco in October. Development of BFR analysis methodology has begun; standards have been ordered. Leaching tests continue in the investigator's lab. A trial lysimeter was constructed.

### **Future Work**

Once the BFR methods have been worked out, the investigators will sample and analyze leachate from over 20 landfills in Florida. Leaching studies on EWaste devices will continue. The lysimeters will be constructed and installed.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.ees.ufl.edu/homepp/townsend/Research/EWaste/EWaste\\_Main.html](http://www.ees.ufl.edu/homepp/townsend/Research/EWaste/EWaste_Main.html)