



# Solid Waste News

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## Letter from the President

I'm certain I was not the only one surprised recently, when the IEPA informed their delegated partners that they would be providing the enforcement grant funding for the remaining three quarters of the state fiscal year. It appeared to be out of the blue and a bit last minute, but with the State's budget situation there's no room to complain. Dave Walters, Manager of the Waste Reduction & Compliance Section within the Bureau of Land, informed me that they were able to provide the funding due to IEPA cost saving measures that were implemented a year ago. Mr. Walters also stated they are attempting to rejuvenate the Partners for Paint Program again as well, finally some good news regarding funding from the IEPA.

Mr. Walters also requested that we inform members that are conducting one-day household hazardous waste collections on their own to contact his office (Ph # (217) 782-9261) for prior approval of the event. This is a new requirement due to legislation enacted last year (Public Act 96-0121).

The Illinois Product Stewardship Initiative continues to be underway. Our fourth and last conference call for the



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## 18th Annual Conference

ILCSWMA's 18th Annual Conference will be held Sept. 22 & 23 at Starved Rock Lodge. The conference will feature the usual mix of educational sessions, networking opportunities, good food and great atmosphere. This year is the third time we have held our conference at this facility and it is always a hit with attendees. The ILCSWMA Board will be giving away the annual Distinguished Service Award, the Lifetime Achievement Award and a grand prize of a free trip to next year's Illinois Recycling & Solid Waste Management Conference, co-sponsored by ILCSWMA. We will also be making arrangements with SWANA to award CEUs for attendance. A pre-event outside gathering is also being planned for Wednesday night, Sept. 21 starting at 8pm.

Concurrent sessions fall under three separate tracts: Technical, Enforcement and Education. Technical sessions feature waste reduction, collection, disposal or policy issues. Enforcement sessions are designed for inspectors from units of government that have enforcement delegation agreements with IEPA. Education sessions feature discussion on working with schools and the general

public to disseminate recycling information and promote awareness.

Conference registration fees are reasonable as always: \$95 for members and \$125 for non-members. If your membership status is in doubt, check the ILCSWMA website as it has been recently updated. A preliminary conference registration brochure is now posted to <http://www.ilcswma.org/conference>. The brochure will be updated as speakers are confirmed.

A block of rooms has been set aside for conference attendees on Sept. 21 and 22. Conference lodging rates at Starved Rock Lodge are \$70 per night for single occupancy, \$80 double occupancy, plus tax. Make your reservations now by calling 800-868-ROCK.

Unlike most professional associations, ILCSWMA's stand-alone conference is not designed as a fundraising event. We aim to offer the best conference at the lowest price. If you have never attended our conference before, we hope you will consider joining us. If you have attended previously, we hope to see you again this year!

## CONFERENCE PREVIEW: WE'RE BROKE. HOW DO WE FIX IT?

One of the Education Tract sessions at this year's conference will be a roundtable discussion. How have state funding cuts affected your programs? What are you doing to cut costs? Have you discovered a way to do more with less? We all seem to be feeling the pinch of budget crunches and many of us worry about the status of our jobs. Now is the time to find low-cost alternatives. Please bring your ideas, successes and failures to this session at the annual conference at Starved Rock Lodge. For more information on recycling education sessions, contact Deb LeVault..

## COMMENT ON USEPA FIVE YEAR PLAN

Public comment is being sought on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's draft strategic plan covering the next five years. The proposed plan "identifies the measurable environmental and human health benefits the public can expect over the next five years and describes how EPA intends to achieve those results," the agency said. The comment period runs through July 30 and the EPA will use feedback to prepare a final plan that will be released Sept. 30. Comments can be submitted through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). The docket identification number is EPA-HQ-OA-0486.

## ILCSWMA Member News

### CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

Champaign County's next electronics recycling event, will be held on Saturday, August 7 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at The News-Gazette Distribution Center, 3202 N Apollo Dr., Champaign. Event will be held rain or shine. Limit ten items per participant. Event is sponsored by Champaign County, Champaign County Regional Planning, City of Urbana, City of Champaign, City of Savoy, the News-Gazette, UIUC College of Fine and Applied Arts, and the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center. Contractor for the event is Vintage Tech Recyclers. At two previous collection events this year, a total of 242,166 lbs of electronics were collected.

### DUPAGE COUNTY

DuPage County's commercial recycling rate has remained around 20% of reported waste/recycling quantities, but the County desires to achieve a 40% recycling rate for commercial properties. Waste audits have found that the majority of waste generated in office spaces is recyclable.

To achieve a 40% recycling rate, DuPage County has launched a commercial recycling program targeting commercial entities. The campaign aims to educate commercial, retail and industrial entities on how to recycle and incorporate source reduction measures. If, as one possible outcome, an additional 25,000 tons of paper was recycled via this program, it would result in a savings of 102,500,000 KWh of electricity (4,100 KWh saved per ton recycled).

The following objectives are outlined for the DuPage County Commercial Recycling Program:

- ▶ Defining county-wide short & long-term goals for commercial recycling, as well as waste reduction;
- ▶ Increasing the awareness for source reduction, resource conservation and recycling through educational programs and presentations;
- ▶ Providing resources to companies, municipalities and multi-unit dwellings and collaborating with them to improve their commercial recycling efforts;

- ▶ Expanding information on source reduction, conservation and recycling on the county website, as a relevant resource available to the commercial sector;
- ▶ Meeting with commercial entities to provide guidance on how to initiate or expand their recycling program;
- ▶ Interacting with the waste & recycling service providers to support their recycling initiatives within their existing customer base;
- ▶ Reporting on the specific recycling measure taken by commercial entities and documenting the outcomes of the program; and
- ▶ Identifying opportunities to engage the private sector in new commercial recycling ideas, projects and proposals.

For more information on the program, contact Shefali Trivedi, Environmental Projects Specialist, DuPage County - Economic Dev. & Planning, at [shefali.trivedi@dupageco.org](mailto:shefali.trivedi@dupageco.org)

### JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County held a household chemical collection event on May 1. The event was very successful, with 840 vehicles passing through the event. For the past three years, the County held two of these events per year but, due to budget constraints, will only hold the spring event in 2010. Heritage Environmental is the contractor utilized by Jackson County for these events.

The Jackson County Board recently signed a five-year renewal of its solid waste enforcement delegation agreement with IEPA.

Thru the end of May, Jackson County has collected 169,000 lbs of electronics so far this year. The County continues to operate the longest- running, permanent local government electronics collection program in Illinois. The program began in Sept. 2002 and has brought in 1,764,000 lbs of electronics to date. The County currently contracts with Vintage Tech Recyclers for recycling services.

## ILCSWMA Member News (cont.)

### JO DAVIESS/CARROLL COUNTIES

Green Fair 2010 will be held September 25 at the Galena Convention Center. The theme for this year is Small Steps Lead to Big Changes. Similar to past Green Fair events, exhibitors and speakers will be offering resources and information on alternative energy, green building techniques, sustainable living, and local foods. Recycling opportunities and educational children's activities will also be offered. Please visit the website for additional information: <http://www.nwil-green-fair.com>.

Organizations and businesses wishing to exhibit should contact Maggie Friedenbach, Recycling and Conservation Programs Coordinator, at 815-244-9444, or [mfrieden@illinois.edu](mailto:mfrieden@illinois.edu) for details. Green Fair is an activity planned and promoted by Green Fair Alliance, a collaborative group representing many environmentally minded organizations and individuals, including the Jo-Carroll Solid Waste Agency and the University of Illinois Extension.

### KENDALL COUNTY

Kendall County has an IEPA-permitted yardwaste composting facility beginning a trial of incorporating food waste into their operations. In 2010 it will be treated as an "additive". This "additive" approach requires very little paperwork since the "additive" must be less than 10% of the annual sum received. The county has been working with the composting facility and IEPA to ensure this process is easy for the company but

still in compliance.

### ST. CLAIR COUNTY

The St. Clair County Health Department is proud to announce that 47 tons of telephone books were collected during their 2010 Telephone Book Recycling Program. The books were collected from March 1 - June 10 at seventeen sites, as well as at schools throughout the county.

The Health Department will share information on "How to Conserve Energy/Protect Our Environment" with seniors throughout St. Clair County at various Senior Citizens Centers during the months of July and August.

The Health Department, along with Memorial Hospital, the American Lung Association, and St. Louis KMOV-TV Channel 4, jointly bring the residents of St. Clair County a daily ozone hotline. The telephone number for the hotline is 618/257-6265.

### VERMILION COUNTY

The Vermilion County Recycling Program was halted in October 2009, due to lack of funds to continue to pay for hauling recycling roll-off containers. As county officials watched recycling grow in Vermilion County, processing costs went down, but transportation costs rose because of increased volumes. At the same time, landfill surcharge fees were shrinking due to the recession and the rise in waste considered exempt from the local surcharge. It was hoped that halting the recycling program for one

year would build the fund balance in the solid waste account. However, State of Illinois money problems, coupled with the recession, have caused serious cash flow issues and forced Vermilion County Health Department to shrink its size from 85 employees down to 22 on July 1, 2010. Drastic measures have been taken and remaining staff work only four days per week. Everyone, including elected officials, county employees, and of course tax payers, are waiting to see what happens next with State funding.

Doug Toole has been promoted to Environmental Health Director as Kolby Riggle retired on June 12th after 35 years at the Health Department. Lee Ann Chezem is still on board as solid waste enforcement/landfill inspector.

Lynn Wolgamot will be ending her job as Recycling Coordinator in October, after twenty years with Vermilion County. She started in October 1990 as secretary to the County Board Chair and her duties included the Solid Waste Advisory Committee which was discussing the SWMP for Vermilion County. Once the plan was adopted in November 1994, Lynn was hired as Recycling Coordinator in September 1995. Three weeks later, she attended her first ILCSWMA Conference. (Editor's Note: Lynn served on the ILCSWMA Board from 1996 to 1998 and served as editor of this newsletter for many years. Her contributions to ILCSWMA cannot be measured. Once she retires we will miss her and we wish her the very best!)

## State Solid Waste Funding Restored

*Submitted by: Ellen Robinson, IEPA*

Illinois EPA Director Doug Scott has signed letters to the effect that grant funding for all solid waste enforcement grantees has been restored for the complete year of SFY 2010 (July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010). We are now reimbursing requests for payment for

quarters two through four. They already received payment for the first quarter's expenses in December.

We are also in the process of preparing grant awards for all the programs for FY 2011, beginning July 1st. There are eight counties renewing their delegation agreements this year for another five

year term. The rest will be renewing delegation agreements next year. The new grant awards are contingent upon having a delegation agreement in place that is valid on file with the State Comptroller's Office.

## Greenhouse Gas Mandatory Reporting Rule

Submitted by Barker Lemar Engineering Consultants, West Des Moines, Iowa; <http://www.barkerleamar.com>

On September 22, 2009, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized the Mandatory Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Rule. The Mandatory GHG Reporting Rule is a new regulation that requires the reporting of GHG emissions from all sectors of the United States economy. Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) landfills are considered a source category under the new regulation and facilities (open or closed) meeting certain criteria will be required to report. The level of effort and resources expended to comply with this new regulation will vary significantly between landfills that collect and destroy landfill gas (LFG) and those that do not. Additionally, it should be noted that hazardous waste landfills, construction and demolition landfills, and industrial landfills are not required to report under this new regulation.

The criteria for determining if your MSW landfill is required to report include the following:

1. Does your facility meet the definition of an MSW landfill?
2. Did your facility accept waste on or after January 1, 1980?
3. Does your facility emit more than 25,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) per year?

If you answered yes to ALL of the above questions, then you are required to report under the new regulation. The answers to the questions may not be readily apparent. The EPA has developed an Applicability Tool that can be used to initially assess whether or not you are

required to report. It also provides a size (or waste in place) perspective for determining who does and who does not have to report. Essentially, if you have a 30-year waste in place less than 350,000 metric tons (386,000 tons), then you are not required to report. The EPA has estimated that 63% of active MSW landfills and 25% of closed MSW landfills will be required to report under this new regulation.

Data collection for the annual reporting is required beginning January 1, 2010 and the first report is due March 31, 2011. The reports will be submitted electronically to the EPA. The information that must be submitted by all MSW landfills that are required to report (whether actively collecting landfill gas (LFG) or not) includes items such as:

- ▶ Waste disposal for each year of landfilling and how waste disposal was estimated
- ▶ Waste composition, if available, and how composition was estimated
- ▶ Operating status, years of waste acceptance, estimated (or actual) closure date, and waste capacity
- ▶ Cover system description including acreage and quantity of waste covered by intermediate and final cover
- ▶ Annual CH<sub>4</sub> generation and emissions and the supporting calculations and inputs
- ▶ Annual carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), CH<sub>4</sub>, and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) emissions from the landfill's stationary fuel combustion devices, if any (excluding flares)

If your landfill has an active LFG

collection system, then your report must include additional items such as:

- ▶ Total volumetric flow of LFG collected for destruction along with CH<sub>4</sub> concentration, temperature, pressure, and moisture content
- ▶ Number of wells in the LFG collection system
- ▶ Destruction efficiency and actual CH<sub>4</sub> destruction for LFG destruction devices
- ▶ Methodology for estimating LFG collection system efficiency
- ▶ Methane generation and emissions using recovery data

Additional legislation and proposed rules that have the potential to impact GHG regulation of your facility include the Waxman-Markey Bill: American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 which passed the House in June 2009, the Boxer-Kerry Climate Change Legislation Draft which was proposed in the Senate in September 2009, and the EPA Proposed Rule: Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Title V Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule which was proposed in September 2009. These pieces of legislation and proposed rule have the potential to significantly impact carbon credit potential and NSPS requirements for active gas collection at MSW landfills.

If you have any questions regarding how these rules could impact your facility and what steps you should be taking now, please contact Tim Buelow with Barker Lemar at (515) 256-8814 or [tbuelow@barkerleamar.com](mailto:tbuelow@barkerleamar.com).

## USDA Product Stewardship Grant Project

The Product Stewardship Institute, with help from Illinois EPA and Iowa Department of Natural Resources, received a solid waste grant from the US Department of Agriculture. The grant will fund a project to reduce the impact of consumer products on water resources in rural areas of Illinois and Iowa by promoting and using existing low-cost product stewardship programs. Objectives of

the project are to: increase awareness of the need for proper HHW disposal; increase the number of collection locations for problem products in target areas; and increase the quantity of key products collected by retailers/manufacturers in target areas. Perry County and Jo Daviess/Carroll Counties are the target areas in Illinois. A product of the project will be a digital handbook, which

will describe all ongoing manufacturer, government, utility, or retailer-based collection and recycling programs for consumer products that do not involve costs to local government. Please contact either Sierra Fletcher with PSI ([Sierra@productstewardship.us](mailto:Sierra@productstewardship.us)) or Becky Jayne with IEPA ([BeckyJayne@illinois.gov](mailto:BeckyJayne@illinois.gov)) if you would like more information.

## Legislative Update

The bills listed below are ones that passed both legislative chambers this spring and were sent to the Governor for his signature. At this time, none have been signed. State funding issues continue to dominate the news coming out of Springfield. Stay tuned as to how all of these issues play out.

**HB5147**, as amended, sent to the Gov. on June 2. Authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency to issue a thermochemical conversion technology demonstration permit to an applicant for field testing of a thermochemical conversion technology processing facility to demonstrate that the technology can reliably produce syngas that can be processed for use as a fuel for the production of electricity and process heat, for the production of ethanol or hydrogen to be used as transportation fuel, or for both purposes. Exempts a certain subclass of these permitted facilities from regulation as pollution control facilities. Effective immediately. (Facility proposed for Naperville).

**HB5907**, as amended, sent to the Gov. on May 28. Amends the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act. Reinserts the provisions of the bill as introduced, with the following changes: (1) changes the definition of "retailer" to include manufacturers of printers, (2) requires printers that exceed certain maximum concentration values for particular hazardous substances to be identified in a statement that must be included in that manufacturer's registration with the Environmental Protection Agency, (3) specifies that manufacturers of printers must pay a registration fee, (4) for the purposes of a report that must be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency, requires television manufacturers to calculate (rather than estimate) the total weight of televisions sold at retail using one of two specified data sources, (5) makes changes to recycler and refurbisher registration fees, (6) requires each collector's report to the Agency to also include the total weight of printers collected or received for each manufacturer during the program year, and (7) authorizes the Department of Central Management Services also to

consider the number of printers registered under EPEAT when making certain procurement decisions. Effective immediately.

**HB6201**, sent to the Gov. on May 28. Amends the Mercury Switch Removal Act. Extends the repeal date of the Act from January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2017. Effective immediately.

**SB2490**, sent to the Gov. on May 20. Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Exempts from regulation as a pollution control facility the portion of a site or facility that (i) accepts exclusively general construction or demolition debris, (ii) is located in a county with a population over 3,000,000 as of January 1, 2000 or a county that is contiguous to such a county (instead of a county with a population over 500,000), and (iii) is operated and located in accordance with another provision of the Act. Effective immediately. (Targets McHenry County).

**SB2556**, as amended, sent to the Gov. on June 2. Amends the Environmental Protection Act and the Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act in regard to floodplains.

**SB3346**, as amended, sent to the Gov. on May 28. Creates the Mercury Thermostat Collection Act. Requires each thermostat manufacturer, individually or collectively with other thermostat manufacturers, to establish and maintain a program for the collection and proper management of out-of-service mercury thermostats and to perform other specified duties. Provides for the setting of statewide goals for the collection of mercury thermostats taken out of service in the State. Provides that if statewide goals are not met by the manufacturers, then the manufacturers must provide a specified financial incentive. Requires contractors, thermostat wholesalers, thermostat manufacturers, and thermostat retailers participating in the program to handle and manage out-of-service mercury thermostats in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the Illinois Pollution Control Board rules regarding the disposal of universal waste. Prohibits, on and after July 1, 2011, a thermostat wholesaler from selling, offering to sell, distributing, or offering to distribute thermostats unless the wholesaler takes

certain specified actions. Requires the Agency to provide certain types of educational outreach efforts and to distribute certain information. Specifies civil penalties and provides for their collection. Prohibits, beginning July 1, 2011, the mixing of out-of-service mercury thermostats with municipal waste that is intended for disposal at a sanitary landfill and the disposal of out-of-service mercury thermostats in sanitary landfills. Provides for the repeal of the Act on January 1, 2021. Effective immediately.

**SB3347**, as amended, sent to the Gov. on May 27. Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides that one or after January 1, 2012, no person shall use a wheel weight which contains mercury or lead to balance a tire. Effective immediately.

**SB3692**, as amended, sent to the Gov. on May 26. Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. A municipality may not award a non-residential waste collection franchise without first issuing a request for proposals, allowing at least 30 days for proposals to be submitted, holding at least one public hearing on whether to award a franchise to a proposed franchisee, and providing at least 30 days' public notice of the hearing. Effective immediately.

**SB3721**, as amended, sent to the Gov. on June 4. Amends the Environmental Protection Act. Provides, in several provisions of the Act, that "uncontaminated soil" means soil that does not contain contaminants in concentrations that pose a threat to human health, safety, and the environment, but also authorizes the Illinois Pollution Control Board, by rule, to specify the maximum concentration of contaminants, including a particular carcinogen, benzo(a)pyrene, that may be present in uncontaminated soil. Provides that uncontaminated soil is not waste. Authorizes the Board to adopt rules for the use of uncontaminated soil and clean construction or demolition debris (CCDD) as fill material at CCDD fill operations (current or former quarries, mines, or other excavations where CCDD is used as fill material), which rules may specify limits on the use of recyclable concrete and asphalt as fill material at those sites. Requires owners and operators

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of CCDD fill operations and uncontaminated soil fill operations to meet certain requirements, including, among other things, that the owners and operators confirm that the CCDD or uncontaminated soil was not removed from a site subject to certain environmental remediation activities, excepting, however, schools located in a county with a population of more than 3,000,000 that have been required to perform certain environmental testing under the Act. Requires the

owners and operators of CCDD fill operations and uncontaminated soil fill operations to maintain certain documents and to make those documents available for inspection by the Agency and units of local government. Specifies the types of materials that may be used as fill material at CCDD fill operations and uncontaminated soil fill operations. Authorizes the Agency to collect a fee from the owners and operators of CCDD fill operations for accepted CCDD and uncontaminated

soil, which fees shall be deposited into the Environmental Protection Permit and Inspection Fund. Authorizes units of local government that have enforcement delegation agreements with IEPA to collect a fee from CCDD fill operations. Provides that violations of these provisions are enforceable by administrative citation or as otherwise provided by the Act. Effective immediately.

## New Director for IL Sustainable Technology Center

Dr. Manohar R. Kulkarni, P.E., has been appointed director of the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, a division of the Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign effective May 1. Kulkarni has been chair and professor of mechanical engineering at the University of North Dakota since 2004.

Kulkarni earned his doctorate at the University of Missouri, Columbia, his master's at the University of Iowa and his bachelor's degree at the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India, all in mechanical engineering. He served as professor of mechanical engineering and energy processes at Southern Illinois

University, Carbondale, from 1993 to 2004. While there he established and directed the Energy Management Center at SIUC. Prior to that, he worked as a senior research engineer at Johnson Controls, Inc., Milwaukee, for seven years while serving as an adjunct associate professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

The ISTC promotes sustainability and increased economic viability by providing technical assistance, conducting and sponsoring research, and disseminating information on environmental issues. Begun in 1985, ISTC programs include sustainable business practice assistance, an electronic waste initiative, development

of energy resources from wastes, research on emerging contaminants and innovative river sediment management. ISTC is a recognized regional and national leader in manufacturing technology diffusion, environmental research and innovative information resources.

The Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability at the University of Illinois is the home of the Illinois State Scientific Surveys: Illinois Natural History Survey, Illinois State Archaeological Survey, Illinois State Geological Survey, Illinois State Water Survey and Illinois Sustainable Technology Center.

## Letter from the President (cont.)

Initiative, per our current agreement with the Product Stewardship Institute, is scheduled for August 3rd at 10 am. If interested in participating in the call, go to the following web page and sign up <http://www.productstewardship.us/Illinois>. As a group, the participants within the Initiative have decided that focusing on Paint Product Stewardship remains the priority. For Paint Product Stewardship to become a reality in Illinois, legislation needs to be drafted and garnering support of the manufacturers and the American Coatings Association is vital. Furthermore, the group would like to focus on developing a long-term strategy

for collecting and recycling used fluorescent lamps, especially now that Ameren has pulled out of its CFL take back program. As stated in our previous newsletter, for this Initiative to continue, additional funding is needed. All the funding up to this point has been provided through ILCSWMA and IL-IN Sea Grant. If you are interested in this Initiative's survival, and are aware of additional funding options, please contact me or another Board member. To me, product stewardship must be pushed to the forefront, so that local governments don't continue to bear the sole burden of managing various hard-to-handle items.

Remember to save the dates, Sept. 22nd & 23rd, for our annual conference at Starved Rock Lodge.

Enjoy the rest of your summer,

Dave Hartke  
ILCSWMA President