



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3734.50 State solid waste management plan.

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The director of environmental protection, with the advice of the materials management advisory council created in section 3734.49 of the Revised Code, shall prepare a state solid waste management plan to do all of the following:

- (A) Reduce reliance on the use of landfills for management of solid wastes;
- (B) Establish objectives for solid waste reduction, recycling, reuse, and minimization and a schedule for implementing those objectives;
- (C) Establish restrictions on the types of solid wastes disposed of by landfilling for which alternative management methods are available, such as yard wastes, and a schedule for implementing those restrictions. The objectives under division (B) of this section and restrictions under this division need not be of uniform application throughout the state or as to categories of solid waste generators. Rather, in establishing those objectives and restrictions, the director shall take into consideration the feasibility of waste reduction, recycling, reuse, and minimization measures and landfilling restrictions in urban, suburban, and rural areas and also shall take into consideration the extent to which those measures have been implemented by specific categories of solid waste generators and political subdivisions prior to June 24, 1988.
- (D) Establish revised general criteria for the location of solid waste facilities;
- (E) Examine alternative methods for disposal of fly ash and bottom ash resulting from the burning of mixed municipal solid wastes;
- (F) Establish a statewide strategy for managing scrap tires, which shall include identification of locations within the state that qualify as scrap tire facilities and accumulations. In developing the strategy, the director shall examine the feasibility of recycling or recovering materials or energy from scrap tires and landfilling scrap tires in abandoned coal strip mines as well as other methods for



managing scrap tires.

(G) Establish a strategy that contains specific recommendations for legislative and administrative action to promote markets for products containing recycled materials generally and for promoting the use by state government of products containing recycled materials;

(H) Establish a program for the proper separation and disposal of hazardous waste generated by households.

The director shall adopt the state solid waste management plan within one year after June 24, 1988. After completion of a draft plan, the director shall hold a public hearing on the draft plan at each of five different locations within the state. After receiving public comments on the draft plan, the director may make such revisions to it as the director considers appropriate based on the comments received and shall submit the draft plan with any revisions to the advisory council for approval. If the advisory council approves the draft plan, the director shall adopt it as the state solid waste management plan. If the advisory council disapproves the draft plan, the director, with the advice of the advisory council, shall prepare a new draft plan and proceed in the same manner as for the initial draft plan to hold hearings on, revise, and submit the new draft plan to the advisory council for approval, and adopt the new draft plan.

Not later than one year after adoption of the plan, the director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing the objectives and restrictions of the state plan, and schedules for implementing them, under divisions (B) and (C) of this section as mandatory elements of the solid waste management plans of county and joint solid waste management districts under division (A) of section 3734.53 of the Revised Code. Within one year after adoption of the plan, the director shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, which rules are hereby deemed to constitute rules adopted under division (A) of section 3734.02 of the Revised Code, establishing revised general location criteria for solid waste facilities, other than solid waste transfer facilities, and standards for the disposal of fly ash and bottom ash resulting from the burning of mixed municipal solid waste.

Triennially the director, with the advice of the advisory council, shall conduct a thorough review of the progress made toward achieving the goals set forth in divisions (A) to (H) of this section. Based



upon the findings of the review, the director, in accordance with the procedures of this section, may prepare and adopt a revised state solid waste management plan. If the revised plan modifies any of the objectives, restrictions, or implementation schedules established under division (B) or (C) of this section, the director, not later than one year after adoption of the revised plan, shall amend the existing rules adopted under this section in a manner consistent with those revisions.

If any revision to the plan or enactment or amendment of a statute by the general assembly that takes effect on or after April 16, 1993, establishes a restriction on the landfilling or burning or other thermal processing in an incinerator or energy recovery facility of any type of solid waste with mixed municipal solid waste, or prescribes for a type of solid waste a management method alternative to landfilling or thermal processing with mixed municipal solid waste, the estimated reduction in the quantity of solid wastes being disposed of by landfilling or thermal processing that results from the implementation of the restriction or alternative management method within a county or joint solid waste management district constitutes a reduction in solid waste generation within the district for purposes of determining the district's compliance with the waste reduction objective established under division (C) of this section and any revisions thereof and the rules and amendments thereto adopted under this section to implement that objective.