

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.11550 Solid waste management fund; creation; deposit of money into fund; establishment of solid waste staff account and perpetual care account; expenditures; report.**

Sec. 11550. (1) The solid waste management fund is created within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

(2) Money in the solid waste management fund at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and shall not lapse to the general fund.

(3) The state treasurer shall establish, within the solid waste management fund, a solid waste staff account and a perpetual care account.

(4) Money shall be expended from the solid waste staff account, upon appropriation, only for the following purposes:

(a) Preparing generally applicable guidance regarding the solid waste permit and license program or its implementation or enforcement.

(b) Reviewing and acting on any application for a permit or license, permit or license revision, or permit or license renewal, including the cost of public notice and public hearings.

(c) Performing an advisory analysis under section 11510(1).

(d) General administrative costs of running the permit and license program, including permit and license tracking and data entry.

(e) Inspection of licensed disposal areas and open dumps.

(f) Implementing and enforcing the conditions of any permit or license.

(g) Groundwater monitoring audits at disposal areas which are or have been licensed under this part.

(h) Reviewing and acting upon corrective action plans for disposal areas which are or have been licensed under this part.

(i) Review of certifications of closure.

(j) Postclosure maintenance and monitoring inspections and review.

(k) Review of bonds and financial assurance documentation at disposal areas which are or have been licensed under this part.

(5) Money shall be expended from the perpetual care account only for the purpose of conducting the following activities at disposal areas which are or have been licensed under this part:

(a) Postclosure maintenance and monitoring at a disposal area where the owner or operator is no longer required to do so.

(b) To conduct closure, or postclosure maintenance and monitoring and corrective action if necessary, at a disposal area where the owner or operator has failed to do so. Money shall be expended from the account only after funds from any perpetual care fund or other financial assurance mechanisms held by the owner or operator have been expended and the department has used reasonable efforts to obtain funding from other sources.

(6) By March 1 annually, the department shall prepare and submit to the governor, the legislature, the chairs of the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with primary responsibility for issues related to natural resources and the environment, and the chairs of the subcommittees of the senate and house appropriations committees with primary responsibility for appropriations to the department a report that details the activities of the previous fiscal year funded by the staff account of the solid waste management fund established in this section. This report shall include, at a minimum, all of the following as it relates to the department:

(a) The number of full-time equated positions performing solid waste management permitting, compliance, and enforcement activities.

(b) All of the following information related to the construction permit applications received under section 11509:

(i) The number of applications received by the department, reported as the number of applications determined to be administratively incomplete and the number determined to be administratively complete.

(ii) The number of applications determined to be administratively complete for which a final action was taken by the department. The number of final actions shall be reported as the number of applications approved, the number of applications denied, and the number of applications withdrawn by the applicant.

(iii) The percentage and number of applications determined to be administratively complete for which a final decision was made within 120 days of receipt as required by section 11511.

(c) All of the following information related to the operating license applications received under section 11512:

(i) The number of applications received by the department, reported as the number of applications determined to be administratively incomplete and the number determined to be administratively complete.

(ii) The number of applications determined to be administratively complete for which a final action was taken by the department. The number of final actions shall be reported as the number of applications approved, the number of applications denied, and the number of applications withdrawn by the applicant.

(iii) The percentage and number of applications determined to be administratively complete for which a final decision was made within 90 days of receipt as required by section 11516.

(d) The number of inspections conducted at licensed disposal areas as required by section 11519.

(e) The number of letters of warning sent to licensed disposal areas.

(f) The number of contested case hearings and civil actions initiated and completed, the number of voluntary consent orders and administrative orders entered or issued, and the amount of fines and penalties collected through such actions or orders.

(g) For each enforcement action that includes a penalty, a description of what corrective actions were required by the enforcement action.

(h) The number of solid waste complaints received, investigated, resolved, and not resolved by the department.

(i) The amount of revenue in the staff account of the solid waste management fund at the end of the fiscal year.

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