

State of Alaska FY2004 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Environmental Conservation Solid Waste Management Component Budget Summary

Component: Solid Waste Management

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Component Mission

Improve environmental management and protection at Alaska's landfills.

Component Services Provided

- Review and approve permit applications including plans for operations, monitoring, management, construction, and closure; issue permits for solid waste treatment and disposal facilities; and review monitoring results that facilities submit to us.
- Conduct inspections of landfills to verify their compliance with permit requirements, whether individual permits, general permits, or permits by rule, and state solid waste regulations.
- Make site visits to small towns and villages to provide practical hands-on advice that can help them better manage their solid waste.
- Stay in touch with owners of closed landfill sites to ensure they are taking suitable actions to prevent contamination.

Component Goals and Strategies

1) VERIFY SOLID WASTE FACILITIES COMPLY WITH STATE LAW.

- Inspect facilities according to a priority schedule based on facility risk and compliance history.
- Provide on-site technical assistance to operators of small landfills to improve solid waste management.
- Enter into partnership arrangements with regional health organizations to hold operator training sessions in regional transportation hubs to encourage improvements in the management of village landfills.
- Develop a state solid waste management plan that will outline broad goals and identify solid waste management strategies that may be effective in different areas of the state.
- Support pilot regionalization projects as a way to ensure better and more cost-effective solid waste management in small communities.
- Expand the use of fact sheets and training information posted on the division's web page as a cost-effective way to provide technical assistance to communities and industry.

Key Component Issues for FY2003 – 2004

Long-term improvements in solid waste management have been extremely difficult to sustain at smaller facilities. We continue to reduce staff resources spent on permitting in favor of additional inspections and on-site technical assistance. Technical assistance rather than permitting may achieve better results at small landfills; however it is only part of the solution. To adequately protect public health and the environment from the effects of improper solid waste management requires a balance of reviewing a facility's construction and operating plans before it opens, i.e. permitting, compliance assistance, operator training, capacity development, and monitoring of results. As part of the effort to seek long-term improvements, we will complete development of a solid waste management plan for the state that outlines solid waste management strategies that may be cost effective in different regions of the state. Using the plan as a blueprint, the state can encourage communities, through funding or other means, to develop regional or consolidated landfills that have the needed economies of scale to operate safely and efficiently.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2002

Initiated work on a state solid waste management and regionalization plan.

Held seven regional meetings to gather information about rural solid waste management issues.

Implemented new flat fees and improved billing system as required by HB 361.

Worked with communities, industry, and consultants to identify needed improvement in the state solid waste regulations and permitting process.

In partnership with regional health corporations and the Alaska Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America, held six regional training sessions for rural landfill operators and community leaders.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 44.46.020, AS 44.46.025, AS 46.03.100-120, AS 46.06.021, 18 AAC 15, 18 AAC 60

Solid Waste Management
Component Financial Summary

All dollars in thousands

	FY2002 Actuals	FY2003 Authorized	FY2004 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	760.9	902.9	903.0
72000 Travel	56.8	69.5	64.5
73000 Contractual	132.0	194.6	164.8
74000 Supplies	13.7	26.5	21.3
75000 Equipment	5.8	0.0	0.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	969.2	1,193.5	1,153.6
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	14.0	27.3	27.4
1004 General Fund Receipts	683.2	952.0	952.0
1005 General Fund/Program Receipts	239.5	214.2	174.2
1053 Investment Loss Trust Fund	32.5	0.0	0.0
Funding Totals	969.2	1,193.5	1,153.6

**Solid Waste Management
Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2004**

No change in levels of service is anticipated.

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2003 Authorized to FY2004 Governor**

All dollars in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2003 Authorized	1,166.2	27.3	0.0	1,193.5
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Annualize FY2003 COLA Increase for General Government, Confidential and Supervisory Bargaining Units	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
Proposed budget decreases:				
-Reduction for Uncollectable Receipt Authority	-40.0	0.0	0.0	-40.0
FY2004 Governor	1,126.2	27.4	0.0	1,153.6

**Solid Waste Management
Personal Services Information**

	Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs	
	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Authorized</u>	<u>FY2004</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	13	13	Annual Salaries	709,547
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	227,009
			<i>Less 3.58% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(33,556)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	13	13	Total Personal Services	903,000

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Analyst/Programmer IV	1	0	0	0	1
Environ Conserv Mgr III	0	0	1	0	1
Environ Engineer II	0	0	1	0	1
Environmental Spec I	1	1	0	0	2
Environmental Spec II	0	0	1	0	1
Environmental Spec III	2	1	1	0	4
Environmental Spec IV	1	1	0	0	2
Research Analyst II	0	0	1	0	1
Totals	5	3	5	0	13