

## **Hazardous Waste Fee Recommendation Summary**

At the most recent meeting of the Hazardous Waste Fee Stakeholder Workgroup held on March 13<sup>th</sup>, participants developed a final recommendation for a change to the fee structure that department staff will be presenting to the commission.

The proposal would establish a tiered registration system for hazardous waste generators, with the registration fee based on the generator's status. Currently, all generators pay the same \$100 annual registration fee regardless of their status. The proposed system would establish a fee of \$150 for conditionally-exempt and small quantity generators, and \$500 for large quantity generators. At the request of stakeholders, this proposal will also include an exemption from paying multiple large quantity generator fees where the facilities under the same ownership are in close proximity to each other and meet other criteria that would allow the department to essentially inspect the facilities as one location.

In addition to increasing the registration fee for hazardous waste generators, the proposal would also change the structure of the in-state waste fee. The current rate for the in-state waste fee is \$5 per ton, with a minimum fee of \$150 (for all generators who generate 30 tons of hazardous waste or less) and a maximum of \$52,000. Under this proposal, the minimum tonnage fee would increase to \$200 and would be assessed to the first ton of waste generated, with each additional ton being assessed an additional fee of \$6.10, up to the maximum fee amount of \$57,000.

The proposal would also change the current rate of the land disposal fee. The current fee rate for the land disposal fee is \$25 per ton. Under the proposal, this fee would change to a rate of \$29.50 per ton. The structure would also be changed to assess the full amount of the fee for any partial ton rather than prorating the fee.

The proposed increases to the generator registration fee, the in-state tonnage fee, and the land disposal fee are estimated to generate additional revenue in the amount of \$502,165 annually to the Hazardous Waste Fund. The additional revenue is broken down as follows:

Generator registration fee	\$272,850
In-State Tonnage fee	\$205,042
Land Disposal Fee	\$24,273
<i>Total Additional Revenue</i>	<i>\$502,165</i>