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CABINET APPROVES THE NATIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (NWMS)

Cabinet has on the 9th of November 2011 approved the National Waste Management Strategy (NWMS). This is a huge milestone for the South African government and the waste sector in particular as the NWMS will provide guidance on how the country should manage its waste which is according to the waste management hierarchy approach. The development of the NWMS was initiated in 2009 as called for in terms of section 6(1) of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") wherein it requires that the Minister must develop a NWMS within two years of the Act being promulgated

The NWMS aims at giving effect to the objects of the Act wherein the various provisions of the Act will be implemented in the next five years ending in 2016. It contains a list of goals and an implementation plan to reach those goals. Throughout the development of the NWMS various stakeholders were consulted as this is a fully inclusive strategy that will be implemented by all concerned, amongst others various government departments, NGO's, Business, organised labour, SALGA, municipalities and members of the public. To obtain a copy of the NWMS please go to www.sawic.org.za or www.environment.gov.za/waste.

2nd WASTE MANAGEMENT OFFICERS KHORO: BREAKING THE BARRIERS, ACCELERATING SERVICE DELIVERY AND CREATING JOBS IN WASTE

On 5 and 6 October 2011, the Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, Ms Rejoice Mabudafhasi hosted the 2nd Waste Management Officers' Khoro in Polokwane, Limpopo Province. The Waste Khoro is an annual conference that aims to bring together all Waste Management Officers across the country in an attempt to deal with the implementation of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, waste regulations and related legislation. This is an effort to meet and address waste related challenges and explore alternative options deal with waste management problems or challenges.



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In line with President's declaration of the year 2011 as the year for job creation, the theme for the event was "accelerating service delivery and creating jobs in waste". This was also informed by the fact that over 40% of the households in the country do not receive basic level of waste service and in some instances such services are inconsistent and not sustained. In recognition of the need to create sustainable jobs and extend waste services to unserved areas the conference looked at, amongst others, the following focus area in an effort to address the barriers:

- Sound budgeting,
- waste services provision (exploring labour intensive models),
- legislation and compliance, and
- Measures to strengthen the waste management regulatory framework.

At the end of a two-day conference, delegates adopted a Programme of Action which addresses the aforementioned issues and expected to be discussed further at the provincial and local waste management forums. Waste management officers will be required to report back on progress in the 2012 conference, which is scheduled to take place in the Eastern Cape Province.

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UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL HEALTHCARE RISK WASTE REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS

The draft healthcare risk waste (HCRW) regulations and standards for the efficacy and validation of the efficacy of a non-combustion technology for the treatment of HCRW are in the process of being finalised for *gazetting* for public comment and were discussed with stakeholders on 28 September 2011 at a workshop held at the CSIR Convention Centre. The comments received during the consultation process will be considered when finalising the regulations and standards for promulgation.

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INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL WASTE AND SPECIAL PROJECTS DIRECTORATE IN DEA

The Directorate: Waste Stream Management was split into three (3) Directorates: Hazardous Waste Management, Hazardous Chemicals Management and General Waste and Special Projects. There are three (3) key focal areas for the Directorate General Waste and Special Projects which are to:

- Ensure that appropriate support is provided to local government to enable them to fulfill their obligations relating to the sound management of pollution and waste;
- Ensure reduced releases of prioritised pollutants and waste streams into the environment and landfills;



EYE ON IT

WASTE ACT MADE EASY: A user friendly guide to the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 now available

The Department of Environmental Affairs has completed a simplified version of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act (Act No. 59 of 2008) known as the Waste Act Made Easy (WAME).

The WAME is meant to give an overview of the provisions of the Waste Act to the general public in a language and format which is easy to understand. Important to note is that this document must be read in conjunction with the gazetted Waste Act and its amendments available from the Department website.

A copy of the WAME is available at www.sawic.org.za.

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INCINERATION LICENCE REVIEW PROCESS

In order to address duplications and inconsistencies and to ensure that robust and enforceable environmental authorisations apply to this sector, the Department has initiated a process to review the environmental authorisations issued for all existing Health Care Risk Waste (HCRW) incineration facilities. The incinerators currently in operation have been notified of the process as well as the relevant air emission licensing authorities.

A Departmental review team has been established and will ensure that all incinerators will operate to the optimum performance standards. The review team is currently drafting a template for an integrated licence as well as a list of review criteria to be used when conducting the site visits. Stakeholders will be informed of the proposed dates for site visits.

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- Collaborate with other government departments regarding means of efficient provisioning of waste services.

Within the General Waste and Special Projects Directorate, there are 2 sub-directorates. The first one, which is **Special Projects**, is undertaking two (2) major projects in this current financial year to meet its strategic objectives for the year. The two (2) projects namely (a) To determine the number of jobs created in the waste sector and (b) To develop draft waste service delivery models that will be used by Municipalities.

The Sub-Directorate will be conducting capacity building training for Municipal officials including the recently elected Councillors following the local government elections. The training is intended to provide awareness on the mandate of municipalities in relation to waste management as well as introduce the tools which the DEA has developed in order to assist municipalities in achieving some of those obligations. The full programme will be provided in the forthcoming newsletter.

The second sub-directorate, **General Waste**, is currently engaged with three 3 strategic projects. The first project is the development of a tariff model based on full cost accounting principles in order to assist municipalities to set appropriate cost reflective tariffs for municipal waste services. Secondly, the Sub-directorate is undertaking a study which seeks to evaluate existing markets for waste tyres in response to the growing problem of waste tyres in the country. Lastly, a study has been commissioned which will evaluate the actual extent of waste service backlogs in municipalities as well as other waste related matters. This will facilitate reporting for Outcome 10, while also assisting in identifying potential interventions that can be employed to eradicate these waste challenges in municipalities. Update on all projects undertaken by the GW & SP Directorate will be provided in the upcoming newsletter.

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LANDFILL OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING

The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) recently launched a Landfill Operations and Management Training for municipal landfill operators in the country. The training is for the duration of five uninterrupted days and is being conducted throughout the nine provinces in the months of August to November.

The training is aimed at capacitating landfill operators in all technical aspects of landfill operations, including landfill maintenance and management. The objective of the training is to enable landfill operators meet the day to day requirements of planning, managing and operating landfills in accordance with applicable legislation to minimize the health and environmental hazards associated with poorly operated/managed landfills. All municipalities were invited to attend the training and so far training has been conducted in Gauteng, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape and North West provinces.

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