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2017 Legislative Priority Position

ISOSWO recommends against further disproportionate reliance on landfill tonnage fees for funding of solid waste and recycling programs. ISOSWO supports a more equitable appropriate and sustainable funding structure.

Other Legislative Positions

ISOSWO supports establishment of criteria for recycling facilities to demonstrate that solid waste materials are being 1) legitimately recycled and 2) not being accumulated speculatively, i.e. stored indefinitely.

Require facilities that store, handle, process or convert solid waste to have financial assurance in an amount sufficient for cleanup and final disposal of any materials accumulated at the facility and to provide for closure of the facility. Facilities that take in solid waste with the exception of traditional curbside collected residential or commercial recyclable material that has been segregated from the municipal solid waste stream and separately collected for recycling – create a risk to the environment if that waste cannot be used as planned. Recycling, reuse and waste conversion markets are volatile, and can go away quickly. When that happens, facilities typically stockpile the waste in hopes that recycling, reuse or conversion markets will return and the materials can be sold again. When markets don't return, facilities are often abandoned by the owners and subsequent cleanup costs are borne by the local community and tax payers. Sufficient financial assurance would ensure that cleanup costs would not become a burden for the local community and are the responsibility of the facility owner, as is already the case for Iowa's landfill owners.

Require loads to be covered or secured while in transit. ISOSWO supports increased responsibility for the drivers of all vehicles hauling material. Loads that are uncovered or not secured are a source of litter along the roadways they travel as well as a potential safety hazard for motorists. ISOSWO supports requiring all compacted rubbish vehicles and vehicles which transport rubbish from a rubbish collection point to a landfill to either be fully enclosed or covered with a tarpaulin or similar covering, or secured with a strap to prevent ejection from the vehicle.

Assess tonnage fees for all waste generated and accepted by regulated facilities in the State of Iowa. Each year, Iowa landfills send approximately \$6 million to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for DNR operations, technical assistance programs, household hazardous waste program support, permitting and inspection of all types of waste management facilities, and support of waste diversion projects through the Solid Waste Alternatives Program (SWAP). ISOSWO supports equitable cost-sharing among regulated facilities accepting waste (e.g., transfer stations and waste conversion sites) to assure adequate funding for the many regulatory, technical and financial assistance services provided by DNR to all areas of the State of Iowa.

ISOSWO continues its support of Iowa's bottle and can deposit law. The program continues to curb litter in rural and urban areas.

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