

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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REGIONAL SOLID WASTE PLAN

Regional Solid Waste Management District

Reporting Period

Northeast AR Regional Solid Waste Management District

September 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017

A. COLLECTION

1. Weekly curbside/roadside and/or drop-off collection services should be made available for all household solid waste for residential dwellings within the state by city, county or private collection.

- a. Has the District achieved this state goal? **YES. All residents in our four-county regional solid waste management district have waste collection services offered to them.**
- b. If not, what is the District's target date to achieve this state goal? **NA**
- c. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date? **NA**

2. A minimum of semi-monthly yard waste collection services should be provided for all residential dwelling within the state. Collected yard wastes must be managed at a Class CY compost facility or an alternative approved pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. 58-6-220 (b). Each district should include the schedule of implementation within its solid waste plan, beginning with the larger cities.

- a. Has the District achieved this state goal? **NO**
- b. What is the District's target date to achieve state goal? **Uncertain.**
- c. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date? **Cities would have to determine where to construct a Class Y compost facility or if the cities even have the resources to haul the residents yard waste to a nearby site or especially to a regional compost facility.**
- d. If completed, attach your schedule of implementation. **Implementation is uncertain.**

3. Collection services or a suitable alternative (transfer stations or community based drop-off locations) for bulky items should be made available for all residential dwellings within the state. Implementation of the program should be included in each district's plan and be based upon population.

- a. Has the District achieved this state goal? **YES. Some cities sanitation departments make the collections. Some other cities and all four counties have contracts with private haulers. Bulky items are addressed in the contracts.**
- b. If not, what is the District's target date to achieve state goal? **NA**
- c. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date? **NA**

B. DISPOSAL

1. Evaluate the disposal capacity of permitted landfills. Establish a seven-year minimum of disposal capacity for each district. If a district has no existing Class 1 landfill or has a facility with less than seven years' capacity, it can partner with an adjoining district or neighboring state to offer low cost disposal for their residents.

a. How much disposal capacity is available in your District? **As described in the Annual Engineering Inspection Report (AEIR) the district owned landfill has an expected life capacity of 19 years in the current footprint of permitted cells/ Further over the years since its inception in 1993 the district has purchased over 200 acres of undeveloped acreage for future use/ Therefore it should be safe to say that the District has disposal capacity for many future generations.**

b. If disposal capacity is under 7 years, what is the District's target date to achieve this state goal? **NA**

c. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date? **NA**

2. Evaluate the waste stream in the geographical area of each district through an annual waste audit. Develop a business plan for the diversion and recycling of waste based on the audit results.

a. Has the District achieved this state goal? **NA**

b. What is the District's target date to achieve this state goal? **Uncertain**

c. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date? **The District could send a letter to plant managers and ask if they might have already completed a waste audit to determine if their factories waste is recyclable or repurposed. Otherwise District landfill workers could observe loads of waste that come in to the landfill from factories as the loads are dumped in the landfill. Then determine whether any of the waste could be recycled or repurposed and send a letter to plant managers to ask their opinions.**

d. If completed, attach a copy of the business plan. **NA**

3. Require districts to establish a household hazardous waste program (either permanent sites or collection events) within their boundaries. This action item is currently mandated by Ark. Code Ann. §8-6-714 (a)(1)(B)(ii) for districts that charge up to \$2 per ton under the authority of that same provision and is a goal for districts that do not access this fee.

a. Does your District access the \$2 fee under Ark. Code Ann. §8-6-714? **NO**

b. Has the District achieved this state goal or mandate? **NO**

c. What is the District's target date to achieve this state goal or mandate? **Uncertain**

d. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date? **The District's executive director and the District's landfill managers could meet with our local fire marshal health department director and an ADEQ representative to determine the best and safest way to implement and operate a collection program at the District owned landfill.**

C. RECYCLING

1. All municipal waste recycling programs should evaluate the economic viability of accepting the following items: paper products including new print, cardboard, white office paper, mixed paper, magazines, junk mail catalogs, phone books, boxboard and chipboard; metals, both steel and aluminum cans; plastic - #1PET, #2 HDPE and others where possible; clear and colored glass (no window glass, glass ceramics, light bulbs or ovenware); and white goods (large residential appliances).
- a. How many items does each of your recycling programs accept? Attach an addendum listing District recycling drop-off locations with the types of items accepted at each. **The district accepts all those items and more.**
 - b. What recyclable materials has the District evaluated for accepting in this reporting period? **Latex paint. Containers would be provided by Greenway Paint Recyclers of Heber Springs. The containers would be sited at the districts owned landfill**
 - c. What recyclable materials has the District started accepting this reporting period that it didn't accept before this reporting period? **Colored glass.**
 - d. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date? **NA**

2. All incorporated cities with a population of 5,000 or more will offer residential curbside recycling. Communities of this size must work with the districts to make available convenient opportunities for commercial and multi-family recycling. A minimum of semimonthly collection services or a suitable alternative system (e.g. transfer stations) for recyclable material collection should be made available for all residential dwellings within the state. Cities should be required to implement a curbside recycling program, beginning with the most populated cities and eventually including cities of all sizes. The implementation schedule should become part of each districts plan.
- a. Has the District achieved any part of this state goal? **Yes. The District has a recyclable materials collection container located in each of its large cities.**
 - b. How many of cities in your district offer residential curbside recycling? **The city of Paragould started blue bag curbside recycling in 2017.**
 - c. What is the District's target date to achieve the state goal listed above (residential curbside recycling, commercial and multi-family recycling, and semimonthly collection services for recyclable material collection)? **Unknown.**

3. Districts will encourage the development and implementation of public venue/special event recycling programs. Districts will offer guidance for best management practices, education assistance and information, along with collection and marketing strategies for public venue facilities and special events. Districts will discourage use of non-recyclable items like Styrofoam cups.
- a. Has the District achieved any part of this state goal? **Yes. The District provides brochure's that describes materials we accept. Also newspaper and radio ads with drop off sites.**
 - b. What is the District's target date to achieve this state goal? **NA**
 - c. What actions will you implement to achieve your target date? **NA**

D. SPECIAL RECOVERABLE MATERIALS

1. Encourage districts to exercise due diligence in the selection, use and operation of recycling and disposal facilities.
 - a. Has the District achieved any part of this state goal? **Yes. The District will only contact the sale or acceptance of its recyclable materials with a company that is permitted by ADEQ.**
 - b. What is the District's target date to achieve this state goal? **NA**
 - c. What action will you implement to achieve your target date? **NA**

2. Develop an illegal dump program that provides additional resources to identify and remediate illegal dumps, while providing education and enforcement to prevent future dumping.
 - a. Does the District have an illegal dump program? **NO. However any illegal dumping in cities or counties is dealt with by the local police departments and county sheriff's department. Law enforcement officials collect the illegally dumped trash and search through it in an attempt to find returned mail or other such identifying clues in an effort to find the owner of the trash. Also our county judges contact private land owners and work with them to get a site cleaned up that is on private property. Illegal dumping on the side of the road in rural areas is dealt with by the sheriff's department and if determination cannot be made who the offender is then the site is cleaned up by the county road department crews.**
 - b. Explain the education and enforcement instituted by the District to prevent future dumping. **Unknown.**
 - c. Explain the additional resources the District provides to identify and remediate illegal dumps. **Unknown.**
 - d. Does the District employ or partner with a county within the District that employs an illegal dumps control officer? **No**

E. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Every regional solid waste management district should have an updated, accurate website (or webpages on a partner's website) that provides citizens easy-to-use access to information about recycling, composting, waste reduction and waste management services in their communities.

Information should include which materials are accepted, days and hours of operation, physical location, how materials are collected/accepted and contact information for further questions. The districts are to ensure that city and county recycling/diversion programs are financially sustainable and are using best management practices.

- a. Does the district have a website, and if so, what is the address? **Yes. However the District Executive Director is currently seeking a webmaster to revise the website. NEA-Landfill.com**
- b. Does the district have a webpage on a partner's website, and if so, what is the address? **No.**
- c. If no to both questions above, what is the District's target date to achieve this mandate? **Unknown.**

2. Districts should develop partnerships within communities to improve information dissemination. Solid waste districts and individual waste management entities (cities, counties, designated recycling collection centers, etc.) should use social media to increase awareness of waste management methods and opportunities.

- a. List the methods in which you disseminate information to the public. **Recycling programs brochures that's available at each city hall and courthouses within our district. Also radio and newspaper ads.**

- b. List partnerships formed with the District. **The District is comprised of four counties (Clay, Greene, Lawrence and Randolph) who partnered together in 1993 to manage solid waste and recycling. The Board of Directors is comprised of the four county judges and the seven mayors of cities with a population of more than 2,000. The Board of Directors as a partnership purchased a landfill and recycling operation in 1994 and has governed both operation for the benefit of the District's residents and businesses.**

- c. List examples of social media utilized. **Advertisements in the local premiere magazine and in the District's five local newspapers which are The Paragould Daily Press, The Times Dispatch, The Clay County Courier, The Clay County Times Democrat and the Pocahontas Star Herald.**

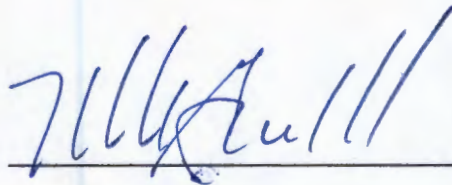
Also our programs are advertised on the two local radio stations which are KDRS in Paragould and KBKG in Corning.

F. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

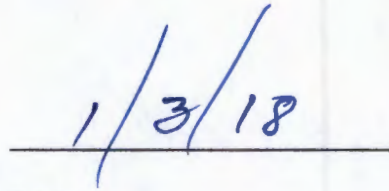
1. Provide a brief summary of other goals the District would like to implement over the next 5 years.

2. Provide a listing of programs initiated previously that are not listed in goals or mandates.
 1. **The District purchased a landfill in 1994 and has owned and operated it successfully throughout the years.**
 2. **The District has contracted with professional engineers, attorneys, accountants, auditors and ect: to ensure that the public will continue to have a landfill and recycling program.**
 3. **The District took charge of a recyclable materials drop off collection service in 1994.**
 4. **The District implemented and electronics waste collection program in 2005 and has owned and operated it successfully throughout the years.**
 5. **The District has continued to add to its list of acceptable recyclable items over the years.**

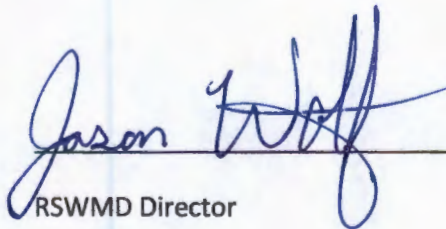
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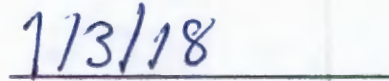
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