



MAKING THE DECISION: CONTINUE LANDFILLING OR CLOSE & TRANSFER

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- Public Education, Input and Consensus
- Options for Developing a Transfer Station
- Opportunities for Increased Waste Diversion and Screening
- Deciding to Continue Landfilling or Close and Transfer
- Questions and Answers



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PUBLIC EDUCATION, INPUT AND CONSENSUS

- Residents need to be educated about:
 - The disposal alternatives available to the planning area
 - Legal issues
 - Environmental concerns
 - Financial obligations
- Opportunities for education:
 - Open houses
 - Public meetings
 - Mailings and press releases
 - Website updates
 - Facility tours for major waste-generating industries and local officials



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PUBLIC EDUCATION, INPUT AND CONSENSUS (cont'd)

- Public input provides:
 - Awareness of priorities
 - Opportunities to address and head off concerns

- Achieving consensus (or, more likely, informed consent):
 - Decision based on input and consideration of the concerns and priorities of the public



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OPTIONS FOR DEVELOPING A TRANSFER STATION

- Transfer hauling and merging with another in-state planning area:
 - Requires two willing planning areas
 - May want to consider greater regionalization of both the transfer station and landfill by merging additional planning areas
 - Requires an update to comprehensive plan or possibly submittal of a new comprehensive plan
 - Will likely enhance system economics for the transfer station and landfill
 - May cause recycling program difficulties if areas are not contiguous or are very different



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OPTIONS FOR DEVELOPING A TRANSFER STATION (cont'd)

- Transfer hauling to an in-state landfill and maintaining current planning area through HF 399:
 - Requires two willing partners, who maintain planning autonomy
 - May want to consider greater regionalization of both the transfer station and landfill by involving additional planning areas
 - Less complicated than formal merging with another planning area
 - Allows transfer station planning area to continue to receive retained fees
 - Will likely enhance project economics for the transfer station and landfill



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OPTIONS FOR DEVELOPING A TRANSFER STATION (cont'd)

- Transfer hauling to out-of-state landfills:
 - Will likely involve arranging for capacity at a private landfill
 - No provision for receiving fees and loss of revenue for state programs
 - Cost should be compared with in-state options and include the loss of retained fees



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASED WASTE DIVERSION AND SCREENING

- Waste diversion:
 - Recycling drop-off
 - MRF component
 - Material consolidation / transloading recyclables
 - Greater end market flexibility
 - Incentive to recycle increases because less waste transported to the landfill results in lower system costs

- Waste screening:
 - Additional handling of materials allows for closer scrutiny and ability to remove contaminants



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DECIDING TO CONTINUE LANDFILLING OR CLOSE AND TRANSFER

- Political consensus / informed consent:
 - Stakeholder involvement
 - Public education
 - Opportunity for input into the decision-making process
 - Rational decision-making process

- Funding of disposal option:
 - Need accurate cost estimates for selected option
 - Funding strategy
 - Impact on ratepayers



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DECIDING TO CLOSE THE LANDFILL AND TRANSFER

HAUL (cont'd)

- Potential fiscal impacts on existing diversion programs:
 - Positive or negative impacts must be evaluated

- Implementation schedule:
 - Need to make transition by October 1, 2007 deadline
 - Must be detailed and realistic



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QUESTION & ANSWER