

SUBJECT: Landfill Owner Financial Responsibility

FOR: APRIL, **2007** **BOARD MEETING**

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Suzanne Bangert

SUMMARY:

At their March 23, 2005 meeting, the Natural Resources Board directed the Department of Natural Resources to work with interested parties on additional rules regarding landfill owner financial responsibility. The department was asked to report to the Board in February, 2006. At the December ,2005 meeting, the Board adjusted the report date to March, 2007. This presentation responds to that request.

The Department of Natural Resources, Waste & Materials Management program convened a stakeholder group representing academia, environmental groups, manufacturing industry, local governments and waste management industry to develop recommendations on changes to the owner financial responsibility (OFR) for landfills for long-term care and remediation. This group began meeting in June, 2006. The stakeholder group has developed a report identifying the background of owner financial responsibility in Wisconsin, how it is administered and the risks, issues and problems related to adjusting owner financial responsibility from its present requirements. The views regarding the risk of closed and active landfills into the future, are diverse. The stakeholder group had many differing opinions and did not reach consensus on the need for changes related to owner financial responsibility at landfills operating today.

The department will present the recommendations from the stakeholder group deliberations.

RECOMMENDATION:

LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

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| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement Required | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Background Memo | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |

APPROVED:

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