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MassDEP Solid Waste Program

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) regulates solid waste facilities under 310 CMR 19.000 – Solid Waste Management. Presently, the program is overseen entirely by MassDEP staff.

It is proposed to the Administration that this program be privatized in like manner to the oil and hazardous waste site clean-up regulations found at 310 CMR 40.0000 – Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP). In this privatized program managed by the Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup (BWSC) within the MassDEP, Licensed Site Professionals (LSPs) implement the MCP regulations and MassDEP guidance documents at all but the most contaminated sites which are typically State Superfund Sites. This program has operated successfully since 1993 and has resulted in the closure of over 30,000 spill sites.

Implementing a privatized Solid Waste Program will have the same beneficial results to the citizens of the Commonwealth. The beneficial results include a more streamlined MassDEP and more cost-effective management of solid waste facilities through the private sector. MassDEP should consider expanding the scope of the Licensed Site Professional regulations found at 310 CMR 1.00 – 9.00 –Regulations of the Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals, to include solid waste facilities. This will eliminate the need to create and implement a new licensure for the private management of solid waste facilities.

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