

# SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Partnering with Idaho's Local Public Health Districts to Ensure Healthy Communities!

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## TOPICS FOR CONVERSATION

- Laws and Regulations governing solid waste
- Potential for Conflict of Interest
- Waste Management Infrastructure
- Regulatory Compliance
- Limited Funding

# IDAHO CODE AND RULES APPLICABLE TO SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITES AND MANAGEMENT

- **Idaho Title 31 Chapter 44 – Solid Waste Disposal Sites**
  - 31-4402 – Authority granted to county commissioners to acquire, establish, maintain, and operate solid waste disposal systems.
- **Idaho Title 39 Chapter 4 – Districting law**
  - 39-414(13) – Authority granted to the board of health of each public health district to administer and certify solid waste disposal site operations, closure, and post-closure procedures per Idaho Code Title 39 Chapter 74.
- **Idaho Title 39 Chapter 74 – Idaho Solid Waste Facilities Act**
  - Delineates the responsibilities of the health districts, counties, and DEQ.
- **IDAPA 58.01.06 – rules specific to Solid Waste Management**

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DEQ AND PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICTS

Outlines the roles and responsibilities of DEQ and public health districts for the solid waste program

- Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Sites
- All Non-Municipal Solid Waste Facilities and Activities
- Enforcement of Solid Waste Program
  - Municipal Solid Waste Landfills
  - Non-municipal Solid Waste Landfills



## PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICTS

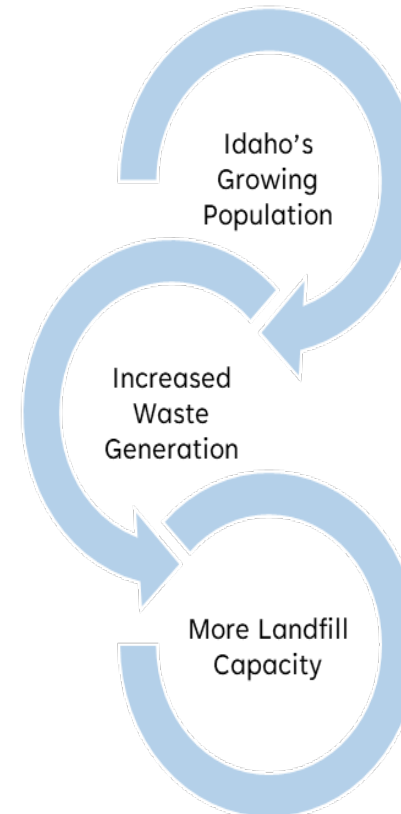
- ✓ Approve or disapprove the operations plan
- ✓ Approve or disapprove the Closure and Post-closure plans
- ✓ Conduct annual inspections of the landfill
- ✓ Recertify operating procedures and conduct joint reviews with DEQ periodically
- ✓ Work with counties and cities on solid waste management issues, and make referrals to DEQ as needed
- ✓ Assist DEQ with enforcement
- ✓ Investigate complaints and attempt resolution through education and technical assistance

## POTENTIAL FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Public Health Districts are regulating single county-owned or multi-county owned & operated landfills.
  - Inspections & enforcement actions are now funded solely by the counties.

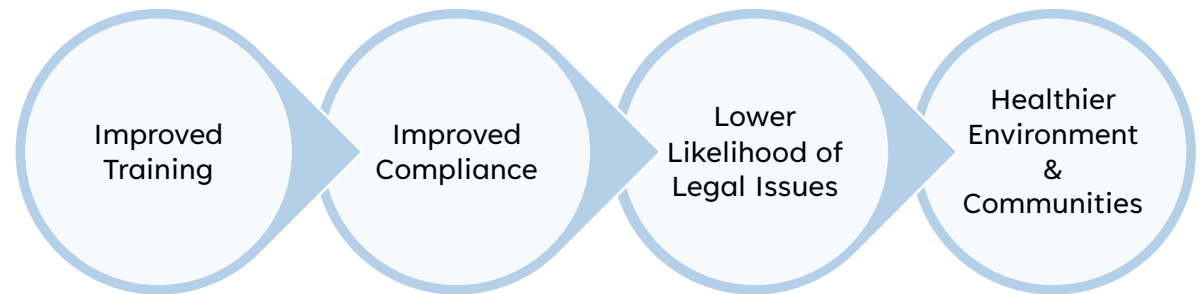
# WASTE MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

- Aging waste management infrastructure.
- Landfill capacity constraints.
- Growing population = increased waste generation = more landfills needed.
- DEQ: # of small, exempt landfills will be cut drastically over the next 10 years.
- Focus will shift to regional landfills to meet solid waste management needs.



# REGULATORY COMPLIANCE ISSUES

1. Lack of training from DEQ.
2. Adherence to various regulations/standards to ensure environmental protection and public health.
3. Lack of training may result in non-compliance, legal issues, and environmental harm.





## FUNDING/RESOURCES



- Adequate funding is essential for ensuring effective compliance and enforcement of solid waste regulations, including:
  - Monitoring waste disposal activities
  - Conducting inspections
  - Investigating complaints
  - Taking enforcement actions when violations occur and are not resolved
- Inadequate funding can:
  - Weaken enforcement efforts
  - Increased non-compliance
  - Illegal dumping
  - Environmental violations



THANK YOU

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