

Modernizing Saskatchewan Solid Waste Regulations

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Saskatchewan's Solid Waste Management Strategy

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Provide a modern, efficient and effective regulatory system for waste disposal and management.

A common message from the 2017 public engagement was the need for consistent enforcement and application of rules and regulations related to landfill management in SK.

To address these issues, the ministry has:

- Initiated review of *The Municipal Refuse Management Regulations*
- Established a Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee
- Finalized the Transfer Station and Composting Code Chapters



Background

- The new regulations and standard are based on best management practices that have been in place for over a decade.
- The regulation and standard are to be used hand in hand and cover construction, operation, monitoring and closure of landfills.
- The regulation and standard provide the opportunity for flexibility in meeting compliance and align with the results-based regulatory framework.
- Guidance documents will be developed to assist stakeholders.

What isn't changing?

- Solid waste management facilities will require permits.
- Applications are required to construct, operate and close facilities.
- Best management practices will continue to be followed.
- Environmental monitoring is required.

What is new?

- The new regulations are for all waste management facilities.
- Waste types are defined.
- Detailed requirements based on best management practices.
- Flexibility for compliance, alternative solutions.
- Qualified persons requirements.
- Landfill operator certification.

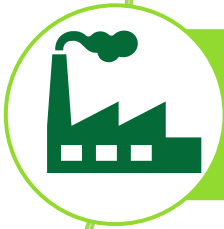
Waste Type



Domestic waste



Inert waste



Industrial waste



Hazardous waste

Flexibility for Compliance

- While the regulations and standard set clear goals for protecting the environment, they also include clauses to allow for stakeholders to choose how they meet those goals.
- Benefits to results-based regulation:
 - Encourages innovation
 - Allows flexible compliance
 - Reduces administrative burden
 - Can lower compliance costs

Qualified Persons Requirements

- Qualified persons (QPs) are professionals with specified expertise and credentials required to assess, report and verify environmental conditions under results-based regulation.
- Regulations will include QP requirements for select activities, including but not limited to:
 - Siting
 - Design and construction;
 - Operations;
 - Environmental monitoring programs and reporting; and
 - Decommissioning and reclamation plans.

Landfill Operator Certification

- A new provision is proposed that will require key operating personnel to hold Landfill Operator Certification.
- Fulfills a commitment in the Solid Waste Management Strategy to have all landfill operators certified.
- The Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment is working with SWANA to develop a program similar to Alberta and Manitoba.
- Waste management facilities will need key operating personnel to be certified by 2030.

Next Steps

- Draft regulations and standard have been developed.
- Publication of discussion paper, and draft regulation and standard.
- Audience-specific webinars, survey to gather feedback and options for meeting with the Ministry.
- Publication of “What We Heard”.
- Revisions based on feedback received.
- Timeline for completion: 2026-27.



Questions?

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