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By Representatives Chandler, Chappell, Horn, Rust, Mastin, Regala and Murray; by request of Department of Ecology

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1 AN ACT Relating to solid waste permit renewal; and amending RCW  
2 70.95.030, 70.95.180, and 70.95.190.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.95.030 and 1992 c 174 s 16 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 As used in this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise:

7 (1) "City" means every incorporated city and town.

8 (2) "Commission" means the utilities and transportation commission.

9 (3) "Committee" means the state solid waste advisory committee.

10 (4) "Department" means the department of ecology.

11 (5) "Director" means the director of the department of ecology.

12 (6) "Disposal site" means the location where any final treatment,  
13 utilization, processing, or deposit of solid waste occurs.

14 (7) "Energy recovery" means a process operating under federal and  
15 state environmental laws and regulations for converting solid waste  
16 into usable energy and for reducing the volume of solid waste.

17 (8) "Functional standards" means criteria for solid waste handling  
18 expressed in terms of expected performance or solid waste handling  
19 functions.

1 (9) "Incineration" means a process of reducing the volume of solid  
2 waste operating under federal and state environmental laws and  
3 regulations by use of an enclosed device using controlled flame  
4 combustion.

5 (10) "Jurisdictional health department" means city, county, city-  
6 county, or district public health department.

7 (11) "Landfill" means a disposal facility or part of a facility at  
8 which solid waste is placed in or on land and which is not a land  
9 treatment facility.

10 (12) "Local government" means a city, town, or county.

11 (13) "Modify" means to substantially change the design or  
12 operational plans including, but not limited to, removal of a design  
13 element previously set forth in a permit application or a disposal or  
14 processing activity that is not approved in the permit.

15 (14) "Multiple family residence" means any structure housing two or  
16 more dwelling units.

17 (~~(14)~~) (15) "Person" means individual, firm, association,  
18 copartnership, political subdivision, government agency, municipality,  
19 industry, public or private corporation, or any other entity  
20 whatsoever.

21 (~~(15)~~) (16) "Recyclable materials" means those solid wastes that  
22 are separated for recycling or reuse, such as papers, metals, and  
23 glass, that are identified as recyclable material pursuant to a local  
24 comprehensive solid waste plan. Prior to the adoption of the local  
25 comprehensive solid waste plan, adopted pursuant to RCW 70.95.110(2),  
26 local governments may identify recyclable materials by ordinance from  
27 July 23, 1989.

28 (~~(16)~~) (17) "Recycling" means transforming or remanufacturing  
29 waste materials into usable or marketable materials for use other than  
30 landfill disposal or incineration.

31 (~~(17)~~) (18) "Residence" means the regular dwelling place of an  
32 individual or individuals.

33 (~~(18)~~) (19) "Sewage sludge" means a semisolid substance  
34 consisting of settled sewage solids combined with varying amounts of  
35 water and dissolved materials, generated from a wastewater treatment  
36 system, that does not meet the requirements of chapter 70.95J RCW.

37 (~~(19)~~) (20) "Solid waste" or "wastes" means all putrescible and  
38 nonputrescible solid and semisolid wastes including, but not limited  
39 to, garbage, rubbish, ashes, industrial wastes, swill, sewage sludge,

1 demolition and construction wastes, abandoned vehicles or parts  
2 thereof, and recyclable materials.

3 ~~((20))~~ (21) "Solid waste handling" means the management, storage,  
4 collection, transportation, treatment, utilization, processing, and  
5 final disposal of solid wastes, including the recovery and recycling of  
6 materials from solid wastes, the recovery of energy resources from  
7 solid wastes or the conversion of the energy in solid wastes to more  
8 useful forms or combinations thereof.

9 ~~((21))~~ (22) "Source separation" means the separation of different  
10 kinds of solid waste at the place where the waste originates.

11 ~~((22))~~ (23) "Vehicle" includes every device physically capable of  
12 being moved upon a public or private highway, road, street, or  
13 watercourse and in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may  
14 be transported or drawn upon a public or private highway, road, street,  
15 or watercourse, except devices moved by human or animal power or used  
16 exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

17 ~~((23))~~ (24) "Waste reduction" means reducing the amount or  
18 toxicity of waste generated or reusing materials.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.95.180 and 1988 c 127 s 30 are each amended to read  
20 as follows:

21 (1) Applications for permits to operate new or existing solid waste  
22 disposal sites shall be on forms prescribed by the department and shall  
23 contain a description of the proposed and existing facilities and  
24 operations at the site, plans and specifications for any new or  
25 additional facilities to be constructed, and such other information as  
26 the jurisdictional health department may deem necessary in order to  
27 determine whether the site and solid waste disposal facilities located  
28 thereon will comply with local and state regulations.

29 (2) Upon receipt of an application for a permit to establish,  
30 ~~((alter, expand, improve))~~ modify, or continue in use a solid waste  
31 disposal site, the jurisdictional health department shall refer one  
32 copy of the application to the department which shall report its  
33 findings to the jurisdictional health department.

34 (3) The jurisdictional health department shall investigate every  
35 application as may be necessary to determine whether an existing or  
36 proposed site and facilities meet all applicable laws and regulations,  
37 and conforms with the approved comprehensive solid waste handling plan,  
38 and complies with all zoning requirements.

1 (4) When the jurisdictional health department finds that the permit  
2 should be issued, it shall issue such permit. Every application shall  
3 be approved or disapproved within ninety days after its receipt by the  
4 jurisdictional health department.

5 (5) The jurisdictional board of health may establish reasonable  
6 fees for permits and renewal of permits. All permit fees collected by  
7 the health department shall be deposited in the treasury and to the  
8 account from which the health department's operating expenses are paid.

9 **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.95.190 and 1984 c 123 s 9 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 Every permit for a solid waste disposal site shall be renewed  
12 (~~annually~~) every one to five years, as determined by the local  
13 jurisdictional health department at the time of permit issuance, on a  
14 date to be established by the jurisdictional health department having  
15 jurisdiction of the site. Prior to renewing a permit, the health  
16 department shall conduct such inspections as it deems necessary to  
17 assure that the solid waste disposal site and facilities located on the  
18 site meet minimum functional standards of the department, applicable  
19 local regulations, and are not in conflict with the approved solid  
20 waste management plan. The department shall review and may appeal the  
21 renewal as set forth for the approval of permits in RCW 70.95.185.

22 A renewal issued under this section shall not be considered valid  
23 unless it has been reviewed by the department.

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