



SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

In-state disposal of Michigan generated solid waste is prohibited in a county other than the county of generation unless it is reciprocally authorized per both the importing and exporting county Solid Waste Management Plans.

The 2000 Update of the St. Clair County Solid Waste Management Plan does not authorize the export of solid waste generated within the county to other counties, or facilities existing outside of the county. As such, haulers in St. Clair County are required to take solid waste generated within the county to a properly licensed solid waste facility in St. Clair County. Chapter 3 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, P.A. 451 of 1994, section 11538(6) states:

"(6) In order for a disposal area to serve the disposal needs of another county, state or country, the service including the disposal of municipal solid waste incinerary ash, must be explicitly authorized in the approved solid waste management plan of the receiving county. With regard to intercounty service within Michigan, the service must also be explicitly authorized in the exporting county's solid waste management plan."

Section 11538(7) provides:

"(7) A person shall not dispose of, store, or transport solid waste in this statute unless the person complies with the requirements of this part."

Accordingly, it is a violation of local and state law to take waste from St. Clair County to out-county solid waste facilities for disposal.

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