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To amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to allow States to regulate the disposal of municipal solid waste generated outside of the State, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CONRAD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

To amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to allow States to regulate the disposal of municipal solid waste generated outside of the State, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO REGULATE OUT-OF-STATE**
4 **WASTE.**

5 Subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42
6 U.S.C. 6941 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
7 the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 4011. AUTHORIZATION FOR STATES TO REGULATE**
2 **MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE GENERATED IN AN-**
3 **OTHER STATE.**

4 “(a) **AUTHORITY TO REGULATE.—**

5 “(1) **IN GENERAL.—**Each State is authorized to
6 enact and enforce a State law that regulates the
7 treatment, incineration, and disposal of municipal
8 solid waste generated in another State.

9 “(2) **AUTHORITIES.—**A State law referred to in
10 paragraph (1) may include provisions for—

11 “(A) the imposition of a ban or limit on
12 the importation of municipal solid waste gen-
13 erated outside of the State; and

14 “(B) the collection of differential fees or
15 other charges for the treatment, incineration, or
16 disposal of municipal solid waste generated in
17 another State.

18 “(b) **LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL.—**

19 “(1) **IN GENERAL.—**Except as provided in para-
20 graph (2) or as otherwise provided under State law,
21 the owner or operator of a landfill, incinerator, or
22 other waste disposal facility in a State may not ac-
23 cept for treatment, incineration, or disposal any mu-
24 nicipal solid waste generated outside of the State un-
25 less the owner or operator has obtained a written
26 authorization to accept the waste from—

1 “(A) the affected local government; and

2 “(B) any affected local solid waste plan-
3 ning unit established pursuant to the law of the
4 State.

5 “(2) EXCEPTIONS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) shall
7 not apply with respect to an owner or operator
8 of a landfill, incinerator, or other waste disposal
9 facility that—

10 “(i) otherwise complies with all appli-
11 cable laws of the State in which the facility
12 is located relating to the treatment, incin-
13 eration, or disposal of municipal solid
14 waste; and

15 “(ii) during 1992, accepted for treat-
16 ment, incineration, or disposal municipal
17 solid waste generated outside of the State.

18 “(B) EXISTING AUTHORIZATIONS.—An
19 owner or operator of a facility described in
20 paragraph (1) who, prior to the date of enact-
21 ment of this section, obtained a written author-
22 ization from—

23 “(i) the appropriate official of a politi-
24 cal subdivision of the State (as determined
25 by the State); and

1 “(ii) any affected local solid waste
2 planning unit established pursuant to the
3 law of the State,

4 to carry out the treatment, incineration, or dis-
5 posal of municipal solid waste generated outside
6 of the State shall, during the applicable period
7 of the authorization, be considered to be in
8 compliance with the requirements of paragraph
9 (1).

10 “(C) FACILITIES UNDER CONSTRU-
11 TION.—If, prior to the date of enactment of
12 this section, an appropriate political subdivision
13 of a State (as determined by the State) and any
14 affected local solid waste planning unit estab-
15 lished pursuant to the law of the State issued
16 a written authorization for a facility that is
17 under construction, or is to be constructed, to
18 accept for treatment, incineration, or disposal
19 municipal solid waste generated outside of the
20 State, at such time as the construction is com-
21 pleted, the owner or operator of the facility
22 shall be considered to be in compliance with the
23 requirements of paragraph (1) during the appli-
24 cable period of the authorization.

1 “(3) EXPANSION OF FACILITIES.—An owner or
2 operator who expands a landfill, incinerator, or other
3 waste disposal facility shall be required to obtain the
4 applicable authorizations required under paragraph
5 (1) prior to accepting for treatment, incineration, or
6 disposal municipal solid waste that is generated out-
7 side of the State.

8 “(4) PRIOR DISCLOSURE.—Prior to formal ac-
9 tion with respect to an authorization to receive mu-
10 nicipal solid waste or incinerator ash generated out-
11 side of the State, the affected local government and
12 the affected local solid waste planning unit shall—

13 “(A) require and make readily available to
14 the Governor, adjoining Indian tribes, and other
15 interested persons for inspection and copying,
16 from the owner or operator of the facility seek-
17 ing the authorization—

18 “(i) a brief description of the planned
19 facility, including a description of the facil-
20 ity size, ultimate waste capacity, and an-
21 ticipated monthly and yearly waste quan-
22 tity to be handled;

23 “(ii) a map of the facility site that in-
24 dicates—

1 “(I) the location of the facility in
2 relation to the local road system and
3 topographical and hydrological fea-
4 tures; and

5 “(II) any buffer zones and facil-
6 ity units to be acquired by the owner
7 or operator of the facility;

8 “(iii) a description of the then current
9 environmental characteristics of the site,
10 including information regarding—

11 “(I) ground water resources; and

12 “(II) alterations that may be ne-
13 cessitated by or occur as a result of
14 the facility;

15 “(iv) a description of—

16 “(I) appropriate environmental
17 controls to be utilized on the site, in-
18 cluding run-on or run-off manage-
19 ment, air pollution control devices,
20 source separation procedures, meth-
21 ane monitoring and control, landfill
22 covers, liners, leachate collection sys-
23 tems, and monitoring and testing pro-
24 grams; and

1 “(II) any waste residuals gen-
2 erated by the facility, including leach-
3 ate or ash, and the planned manage-
4 ment of the residuals;

5 “(v) a description of the site access
6 controls to be employed, and roadway im-
7 provements to be made, by the owner or
8 operator, and an estimate of the timing
9 and extent of increased local truck traffic;

10 “(vi) a list of all required Federal,
11 State, and local permits required to oper-
12 ate the landfill and receive waste generated
13 outside of the State;

14 “(vii) estimates of the personnel re-
15 quirements of the facility, including infor-
16 mation regarding the probable skill and
17 education levels required for jobs at the fa-
18 cility that distinguishes between employ-
19 ment statistics for pre- and post-oper-
20 ational levels;

21 “(viii)(I) information with respect to
22 any violations of regulations by the owner
23 or operator, or subsidiaries;

1 “(II) the disposition of enforcement
2 proceedings taken with respect to the viola-
3 tions; and

4 “(III) corrective action and rehabilita-
5 tion measures taken as a result of the pro-
6 ceedings;

7 “(ix) information required by State
8 law to be provided with respect to gifts,
9 contributions, and contracts by the owner
10 or operator to any elected or appointed
11 public official, agency, institution, busi-
12 ness, or charity located within the affected
13 local area to be served by the facility;

14 “(x) information required by State
15 law to be provided by the owner or opera-
16 tor with respect to compliance by the
17 owner or operator with the State solid
18 waste management plan in effect pursuant
19 to section 4007;

20 “(xi) information with respect to the
21 source and amount of capital required to
22 construct and operate the facility in ac-
23 cordance with the information provided
24 under clauses (i) through (vii); and

1 “(xii) information with respect to the
2 source and amount of insurance, collateral,
3 or bond secured by the applicant to meet
4 all Federal and State requirements;

5 “(B) provide opportunity for public com-
6 ment, including at least 1 public hearing; and

7 “(C) not less than 30 days prior to formal
8 action—

9 “(i) publish notice of the action in a
10 newspaper of general circulation; and

11 “(ii) notify the Governor, adjoining
12 local governments, and any adjoining In-
13 dian tribes.

14 “(c) DESIGNATION OF AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERN-
15 MENT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enact-
16 ment of this section, the Governor of each State shall, for
17 the purpose of this section, designate the type of political
18 subdivision of the State that shall serve as the affected
19 local government with respect to authorizing a facility to
20 accept for treatment, incineration, or disposal of municipal
21 solid waste generated outside of the State. If the Governor
22 of a State fails to make a designation by the date specified
23 in this subsection, the affected local government shall be
24 the public body with primary jurisdiction over the land or
25 use of the land on which the facility is located.

1 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

2 “(1) AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The
3 term ‘affected local government’ means the elected
4 officials of the political subdivision of the State in
5 which a facility for the treatment, incineration, or
6 disposal of municipal solid waste is located (as des-
7 ignated by the State pursuant to subsection (c)).

8 “(2) AFFECTED LOCAL SOLID WASTE PLAN-
9 NING UNIT.—The term ‘affected local solid waste
10 planning unit’ means a planning unit established
11 pursuant to State law that has—

12 “(A) jurisdiction over the geographic area
13 in which a facility referred to in paragraph (1)
14 is located; and

15 “(B) authority relating to solid waste man-
16 agement planning.

17 “(3) GOVERNOR.—The term ‘Governor’ means
18 the Governor of a State or the equivalent official of
19 the State if the State does not have a Governor.

20 “(4) MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘municipal
22 solid waste’ means refuse, and any
23 nonhazardous residue generated from the com-
24 bustion of the refuse, generated by—

25 “(i) the general public; or

1 “(ii) a residential, commercial, or in-
2 dustrial source (or any combination of the
3 sources).

4 “(B) COMPOSITION.—The term includes
5 refuse that consists of paper, wood, yard waste,
6 plastic, leather, rubber, or other combustible or
7 noncombustible material such as metal or glass
8 (or any combination of the materials).

9 “(C) EXCLUSIONS.—The term does not in-
10 clude—

11 “(i) hazardous waste identified pursu-
12 ant to section 3001;

13 “(ii) waste resulting from an action
14 taken pursuant to section 104 or 106 of
15 the Comprehensive Environmental Re-
16 sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act of
17 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9604 or 9606);

18 “(iii) any material collected for the
19 purpose of recycling or reclamation;

20 “(iv) waste generated in the provision
21 of service in interstate, intrastate, foreign,
22 or overseas air transportation;

23 “(v) industrial waste (including debris
24 from construction or demolition) that is
25 not identical to municipal solid waste in

1 composition and physical and chemical
2 characteristics; and
3 “(vi) medical waste that is segregated
4 from municipal solid waste.”.

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