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Beyond Waste - NYSDEC Draft Solid Waste Plan
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BEYOND WASTE – NYSDEC DRAFT SOLID WASTE PLAN

- Financial Implications Fees, mandates and new requirements on the state's solid waste and recycling collection and disposal system; funded by NY residents, businesses and communities.
- Cost Unknown - \$1 billion in infrastructure - \$100 million/year for 10 years; \$1.6 billion in taxes and fees?; more than \$2 billion in unspecified fees? Specifics/details needed.

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- Franchising Expands governmental reach; creates new materials management services with expansive, municipally-managed infrastructures; and, creates new revenue generating authority for government.
- Flow control/local permitting Directs and taxes waste away from low cost disposal and recycling facilities. Citizens and businesses are better served by free markets -- driven by efficiencies and customer service.



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- Waste Bans Are clumsy regulatory tools to promote reuse, recycling or other diversion from disposal. Stable, multi-tiered, markets that consume these materials are far superior.
- Mandatory Recycling Calls for elimination of “economic markets” clause; will dictate recycling without regard to cost. Seeks new enforcement powers for the DEC. DEC to enforce mandatory recycling on generator and transporter.



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- Emissions/GHG Composting vs. landfilling organics. Organics contribute greatly to the production of electricity at many of the state's landfills. Removal of organic material will negatively impact energy production.
- Organics Ban An unfunded mandate – will require residents and businesses to pay for new collection trucks and facilities. Programs and facilities are already developing.



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- Methane collection Characterization of current methane collection and destruction is flawed (so are conclusions on landfill GHG vs. MSW combustion). Must be further studied; refined; reworked; peer reviewed.
- Diversion rate/Climate change Modeling tool and assumptions need further review; some models maybe improper for use -- U.S. emission levels vs. other countries assumptions, etc.



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- Environmental Benefit Private and public sectors should help reduce energy demand, increase recycling and reduce GHGs. Care must be taken; new green jobs should improve economic productivity and be sustainable.
- Beneficial Use Determinations Plan misses opportunity to use BUD process to encourage, rather than discourage, more beneficial reuse of materials.



Other Plan Issues/Features

- Product Stewardship More recycling/diversion; cost to businesses and consumers
- Packaging Tax Less packaging; cost to businesses and consumers
- Recycling Equipment Tax Incentives
- Single Stream Recycling



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(link to recent EPA report on Climate Change)

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