

AN INTRODUCTION:

The Hazardous Waste Facilities  
Siting Act S-1300  
P.L. 1981 Chapter 279

The Major Hazardous Waste Facilities  
Siting Act presents a rational method  
for the planning, licensing and siting  
of new commerical hazardous waste  
treatment, storage and disposal  
facilities in New Jersey.

The siting process requires all  
public participation programs to  
be coordinated with the activities  
of the agencies listed below:

- (1) The Hazardous Waste Facilities  
Siting Commission
- (2) New Jersey Department of  
Environmental Protection
- (3) Hazardous Waste Advisory  
Council

The Siting Commission is providing  
this pamphlet to the citizens of  
New Jersey as a means of identifying  
the individual members of both the  
Commission and the Advisory Council.  
The responsibilities of each agency  
in the siting process are also outlined.

All meetings of the Commission and  
Council are open to the public.

For further information, call  
(609) 984-3728.

THE COMMISSION

The Hazardous Waste Facilities Siting  
Commission is a nine member commission  
appointed by the Governor, with the advice  
and consent of the Senate. The  
Commission is composed of three industry  
representatives, three county and  
municipal government representatives,  
and three environmental or public  
interest group representatives. The  
appointments are as follows:

Terms      Industry Representatives

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| 2 Yrs. | Dr. Roy Gottesman, Vice President<br>of Tenneco Chemicals, Inc.        |
| 3 Yrs. | Mr. George Polzer, President of<br>the Chemical Industry Council       |
| 1 Yr.  | Dr. Max Weiss, Radiation<br>Supervisor with Bell Laboratories,<br>Inc. |

Environmental or Public Interest  
Group Representatives

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| 2 Yrs. | Ms. Ann Auerbach, Natural Resource<br>Director for the League of<br>Women Voters of New Jersey |
| 3 Yrs. | Mr. Frank Dodd, Chairman, Former<br>New Jersey Senator who directed<br>the passage of S-1300   |
| 1 Yr.  | Mr. Gordon Millspaugh, President<br>of New Jersey Conservation<br>Foundation                   |

County or Municipal Government  
Representatives

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| 2 Yrs. | Mr. Stephen Capestro, Freeholder<br>from Middlesex County          |
| 3 Yrs. | Mr. John J. Heinz, Mayor of Egg<br>Harbor Township                 |
| 1 Yr.  | Mr. Tom Leane, Director of the<br>Jersey City Redevelopment Agency |

When the Commission is considering  
a specific site designation, two  
voting members will be added to  
the Commission. The additional  
members are representatives of the  
affected county and municipality.

The Commission elects its own  
Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.  
Mr. Richard J. Gimello serves as  
the Executive Director.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES  
OF THE COMMISSION

The main responsibility of the  
Commission is to prepare and adopt,  
in consultation with the Advisory  
Council, a Major Hazardous Waste  
Facilities Plan. This Plan is  
subject to both public meetings  
and formal public hearings.

The Plan shall:

- (1) inventory sources and quantities  
of hazardous waste;
- (2) identify existing, and project  
future sources and quantities of  
hazardous waste;
- (3) project future facility needs  
by type and number;

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- (4) evaluate existing facilities using the most current regulations;
- (5) analyze routes for the transportation of hazardous waste;
- (6) outline procedures for waste reduction;
- (7) recommend procedures for a regional approach to the planning and analysis of hazardous waste facilities.

Prepare a Public Information Program.

Designate sites for new hazardous waste facilities using siting criteria developed by DEP and the Advisory Council.

Develop procedures for the payment and expenditure of the five percent gross receipts tax monies.

Hold public hearings on any site-related matter.

Adopt rules and regulations for exemptions to S-1300, the Major Hazardous Waste Facilities Siting Act.

Prepare an Environmental and Health Impact Statement at the applicant's expense.

## THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Hazardous Waste Advisory Council is a thirteen member group appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The membership is designated to be a broad-based representation of interests. The composition of the Advisory Council is as follows:

### 3 Environmental or Public Interest Organization Representatives

Lois Hoffmann, Vice-Chairperson of the League of Women Voters

Cynthia Jacobson of the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions

Katherine Montague of the New Jersey Toxics Project

### 2 Representatives of Elected Municipal Officials

Patricia Dagnall of the East Windsor Health Department

Gary Szalc of the Old Bridge Township Environmental Commission

### 2 Representatives of Elected County Officials

John R. Maier, Gloucester County Freeholder

### 1 Community Organization Representative

Dr. John Liskowitz, Chairman, of the New Jersey Institute of Technology

### 1 Representative of the Firefighters

James Butler of the Newark Fire Department

### 1 Representative of Industries Using On-Site Hazardous Waste Facilities

Dr. Thomas Hellman of Allied Chemical Corp.

### 1 Representative of Industries Using Off-Site Hazardous Waste Facilities

William Bobsein of Toms River Chemical Corp.

### 1 Representative of Hazardous Waste Transporters

### 1 Representative of Hazardous Waste Facility Operators

Robert C. Gregory of Rollins Environmental Services, Inc.

Two appointments remain to be filled.

## THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Advisory Council is responsible for counseling the Department of Environmental Protection regarding:

- (1) the preparation and adoption of siting criteria;
- (2) the action taken on applications for registration and engineering design approval for new facilities;

and for advising the Commission regarding:

- (1) the development of the Hazardous Waste Facilities Plan for New Jersey;
- (2) the designation of sites for facilities;
- (3) the development of the Public Information Program.

The Council may hold public meetings on any siting-related matter, and may review any matter on request of the DEP or the Commission.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Department of Environmental Protection is responsible for assuring an applicant's compliance with all regulations governing the operations of a hazardous waste facility.

The Department:

- (1) Conducts public hearings and, after consultation with the Council, adopts siting criteria.
- (2) Reviews with the Attorney General and Advisory Council the competency of applicants.
- (3) Issues the facility operating license.
- (4) Approves the facility engineering design.
- (5) Evaluates the Environmental and Health Impact Statement associated with the facility.
- (6) Issues a fact sheet detailing pertinent information.
- (7) Conducts weekly inspections.
- (8) Issues grants to the local government for site review.
- (9) Conducts training program for local inspectors.