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UPDATES ON THE NATIONAL HEALTH CARE RISK WASTE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS AND EFFICACY STANDARDS FOR NON-COMBUSTION TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES.

The Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs has published the Draft Health Care Risk Waste Management Regulations in terms of section 69(1)(b), (g), (h), (q), (r), (s), (dd), and (ee) of the National Environmental Management Waste Act (50 of 2008), together with the Draft National Standards for Validation of the Treatment Efficacy and Operation of a Non-Combustion Treatment Technology in terms of 7(1)(c) and (2)(c) of the Waste Act for public comment. Interested and affected parties are invited to submit written comments to the Minister within 60 days of publication in the gazette. The Notices were published in the Government Gazettes dated 1 June 2012 as follows:

GN 35405, Notice 452 of 2012: Draft Regulations: www.sawic.org.za/documents/1289.pdf

GN 35406, Notice 453 of 2012: Draft Standards: www.sawic.org.za/documents/1290.pdf

Members of the public are invited to submit to the Minister, within sixty (60) days of the date of publication of the notice in the Gazette, written representations on or objections to the address provided in the Gazette.

These documents can be downloaded from the SAWIC website (www.sawic.org.za/documents) under draft documents for comments - or obtained from the Department's offices.

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DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (IWMP) WEB PORTAL

Chapter 3, Section 11 of the Waste Act, (Act No. 59 of 2008) requires that all spheres of government including municipalities prepare Integrated Waste Management Plans (IWMPs). IWMPs are expected to direct and assist government in planning for and delivery of waste management services in South Africa.

Since the first generation of IWMPs were developed by most municipalities in accordance with the 1999 National Waste Management Waste Strategy (NWMS), municipalities expressed the need for the DEA to look at challenges experienced by municipalities; which is related to capacity within municipalities to develop IWMPs. In addressing these issues, the Department is in the process of developing a system that will overcome some of these challenges. This will be a web-enabled IWMP system that will set out the information required as per the Waste Act in a clear, concise manner and should assist municipalities in developing implementable IWMPs. The web-portal will provide detailed guidance on the structure of an IWMP taking into consideration contents of an IWMP as outlined in the Waste Act.

Once the web-portal is fully developed, the DEA will undertake a process of training the municipal officials in each Province on how the web-portal works and how they can capture the information. Once completed, details of the training sessions will be communicated to all the relevant stakeholders. For more information contact Ms Thandeka Mandigora, Tel: 012 310 3220, E-mail: tmandigora@environment.gov.za

DEVELOPMENT OF CONTAMINATED LAND REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS

The Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, published the draft Regulations for Site Assessments and Reports in terms of section 69(1)(v) as well as the Draft Standards for the Remediation of Contaminated Land and Soil Quality in terms of section 7(2)(d), for public comments. Interested and affected parties were invited to submit written comments to the Minister within 60 days of publication in the gazette. The Notices were published in the Government Gazettes dated 19 March 2012 as follows:

GN 35161, Notice 243 of 2012: Draft Regulations www.sawic.org.za/documents/1152.pda

GN 35160, Notice 233 of 2012: Draft Standards www.sawic.org.za/documents/1152.pdf



The designation of waste management officers (WMO) for co-ordinating matters pertaining to waste management is a requirement in terms of section 10 of the National Environmental Management Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008).

The National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) and the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) has developed the waste management officer guide to provide guidance in the designation of waste management officers as provided for in the Act. The document can be accessed at www.sawic.org.za/documents/593.pdf. For more information please contact any of the following officials:

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FINAL MUNICIPAL WASTE SECTOR PLAN PUBLISHED

The Department has completed the Municipal Waste Sector Plan which was initiated in 2009. The municipal waste sector plan was gazetted by the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, Ms. Edna Molewa on the 30 March 2012 in Gazette No 35206.

The development of the waste sector plan came as a response to the cabinet's call to all sector Departments to account for all service backlogs and to develop a plan to address such service backlogs. The Municipal Waste Sector Plan aims to assist Municipalities to fast track the provision of waste services including the storage, collection, transportation, recycling and safe disposal of waste. The sector plan has three key strategic objectives namely; to reduce the amount of general and hazardous waste disposed in the country, to ensure that all waste is disposed of appropriately and does not damage the environment or human health and to provide adequate domestic waste collection services across the country.

The successful implementation of the Plan will be supported by the development of Integrated Waste Management Plans (IWMPs) by municipalities as well as support from the Department and provinces.

The published Municipal Waste Sector Plan can be found on SAWIC website under the Waste Policy and Regulations folder or through this link:

<http://www.sawic.org.za/documents/1187.pdf>