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## MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE TARIFF STRATEGY

The Department has developed a Municipal Solid Waste Tariff Strategy and Model to assist municipalities in setting solid waste tariffs that align with the objectives of the National Waste Management Strategy (NWMS, 2011). One of the 2016 targets of the NWMS is that, all municipalities that provide waste services should have established full cost accounting for waste services and have cost reflective tariffs. This is critical in ensuring that waste collection services are self-sustaining thereby curbing the ever common problem of "shortage of funds" to provide waste services in municipalities.

This is also critical in the delivery of effective and efficient waste services and in the promotion of waste minimisation, reuse, recycling and recovery as it helps in facilitating planning for provision of such services. The Department has conducted four regional workshops to train municipalities on the tariff strategy and model; and will provide on-going support and training to municipalities that request for such further training. The tariff strategy, guidelines, step-by-step guide that support excel based spreadsheet tariff model, are available on [www.sawic.org.za](http://www.sawic.org.za). Municipalities are encouraged to experiment with the model to appreciate the value that it can add.

For more information regarding the municipal solid waste strategy, please contact Ms. Unathi Mbeki on (012) 395 1845 email: [unmbeki@environment.gov.za](mailto:unmbeki@environment.gov.za) or Mr. Tsebo Mohapi on (012) 310 3861 or email: [tmohapi@environment.gov.za](mailto:tmohapi@environment.gov.za).



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## THE HEALTH CARE RISK WASTE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS AND EFFICACY STANDARDS FOR NON-COMBUSTION TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES

The Draft Health Care Risk Waste Management Regulations and Draft National Standards for Validation of the Treatment Efficacy and Operation of a Non-Combustion Treatment Technology were published by the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs for comment in the Government Gazette on 1 June 2012 for a period of 60 days.

Government Notices:

GN 35405, Notice 452 of 2012: Draft Regulations

GN 35406, Notice 453 of 2012: Draft Standards

Members of the public are invited to submit to the Minister by the 31 July 2012 written representations on or objections to the following Address:

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These documents can be downloaded from the SAWIC website under documents for comments - [www.sawic.org.za/?menu=302](http://www.sawic.org.za/?menu=302) or obtained from the Department's offices.

## ANNOUNCING THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WASTE MANAGEMENT OFFICER'S KHORO

The Department of Environmental Affairs is planning to convene the 3rd Waste Management Officers Khoro on **8-9 October 2012** which will be held at the **International Convention Center (ICC) in East London, Eastern Cape Province**. The conference is targeting only government officials, particularly officials responsible for waste management from Municipalities and provincial government; with an aim to meet and discuss waste related challenges and explore alternative options for best waste management practices.

The discussions for this year's conference will be guided by the Programme of Action which was drafted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Waste Management Officers Khoro, held on 5-6 October 2011 in Polokwane, Limpopo; which focused on accelerating service delivery and promoting job creation in the waste sector. Government officials are requested to save the date in their diaries for this very important event. For more information you can visit [www.wastekhoro.co.za](http://www.wastekhoro.co.za) or contact Ms Khashiwe Masinga at 012 310 3377, [kmasinga@environment.gov.za](mailto:kmasinga@environment.gov.za).



## WASTECON

The Waste Khoro 2012 will be followed by the WasteCon 2012 to be held on **9-12 October 2012**; which is organised by the Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA). This conference will also take place at the ICC in East London, providing an opportunity for government officials to also attend. Registration for the WasteCon should be done separately (**at own cost**) through the IWMSA. Anyone interested can follow this link for more information <http://www.wastecon.co.za/>