

# HB 592 REVIEW

## Revisiting Ohio's Comprehensive Solid Waste Law

March, 2012

# H.B. 592 Review

- Where Did This Come From?
  - It's been on Ohio EPA's long-term "to-do" list for several years
  - Numerous "rumblings" regarding solid waste legislation
  - Timing seemed right to take a holistic look, rather than react to piecemeal initiatives

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## □ General Principals

- Looking comprehensively at the system
- Open, transparent process
- Consensus-seeking
- Primary focus is to make the system more efficient and effective
- Not afraid to think big

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## □ Four Phase Process

- Phase One: Information Gathering
- Phase Two: Discussion and Consensus-building
- Phase Three: Formal Proposal
- Phase Four: Legislative Initiative

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## □ Process

- **Phase One:** *Information Gathering*
- Informal Sit-down Meetings
  - Ohio EPA invitation
  - Information gathering focus
  - All the obvious interested parties
    - Trade Organizations
  - Open invitation to others and individual members
  - As early as December, 2011 through April 2012

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## □ Interested Parties

- OSWDO (CCAO)
- NSWMA
- SWANA
- OEHA/AOHC
- OML
- OTA
- OMA/OCC
- OEC/Sierra Club
- AOR
- ODNR
- SWAC Members

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## □ Process

- **Phase One:** *Information Gathering*
- Conclusion of Informal Sit-down Meetings
  - Report to the State Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) – Issue Identification

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## □ Process

- **Phase Two:** *Discussion and Consensus-building*
- Facilitated Group Discussions
  - Groups of Interested Parties
  - Facilitating Dialog Between IPs
  - Seeking Consensus
  - May be some “issue specific” meetings
  - April – June 2012 Timeframe
- Report to SWAC

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## □ Process

- **Phase Three:** *Formal Proposal*
  - Develop and Issue Draft Recommendations
  - Seek Input from SWAC prior to finalizing
  - Issue Draft Recommendations for IP Comment
  - Finalize Proposal

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- Process

- **Phase Four:** *Legislative Recommendations*

- Pursue Legislative Changes

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## □ Process

- Entire process will take 12 – 18 months
- We would hope to pursue a legislative proposal jointly with other interested parties
- We are seeking consensus, but the process will not be dependent on it
- We may take “two bites” at the issues
  - First put forward consensus items
  - Take more time to work on controversial issues

# H.B. 592 Review

- We (Obviously) Have Ideas
- But Entering Process w/ Very Few Pre-conceived Notions
- Fundamental Principles:
  - Waste management must be protective of human health and the environment
  - Continue to reduce reliance on landfills for solid waste management
- Obvious Big Picture Issues
  - Fees
  - Flow Control
  - Regionalization

# How You Can Stay Involved

- HB 592 [Website](#)
- Meetings with Ohio EPA
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