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SWAC Ideas from November Discussion and Phase I Comments

Current State: The Solid Waste Management Advisory Council (SWAC) is an advisory body that serves three functions:

- Assists Ohio EPA with preparing the state solid waste management plan;
- Approves or disapproves the draft plan; and
- Annually reviews implementation of the state plan.

SWAC members represent various parties that are involved in or have an interest in solid waste management in Ohio. In this way, SWAC provides Ohio EPA with well-balanced input for developing the state plan.

Council membership: As required by law, SWAC consists of nineteen members:

- Director of the Ohio EPA;
- Director of the Ohio Department of Development;
- Member of the Ohio Senate;
- Member of the Ohio House of Representatives;
- Representative from a health district (involved in enforcement and regulations);
- Two members representing counties;
- Two members representing municipal corporations;
- Two members representing townships;
- Member representing single county solid waste management district;
- Member representing joint solid waste management district;
- Member representing industrial generators of solid waste;
- Member representing the private recycling industry;
- Member representing the private solid waste management industry;
- Member representing statewide environmental advocacy organizations; and
- Member representing the public.

The Director of Ohio EPA serves as the chair of SWAC. Other members can serve as vice chair and secretary. The 14 members appointed by the governor serve for two years. The Governor can either reappoint that member or appoint a new one. The legislative members are appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

Proposed Changes: Members

- Reduce to one member where there are two members representing counties, municipal corporations, townships;
- Add a member representing the organics industry;
- Add a member representing the aluminum industry;
- Add the ability for the Director of Ohio EPA to appoint on a temporary basis a member with knowledge of or experience with solid waste management or materials management;
- Add the chair of the Recycling & Litter Prevention Advisory Council.

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- Eliminate Senate and House Member

Proposed Changes: Additional Functions

- In addition to the existing duties in ORC 3734.51, Advise the Director in carrying out the duties of Section 3736.02 ..."shall establish and implement statewide source reduction, recycling, recycling market development, and litter prevention programs that are consistent with the state solid waste management plan adopted under section 3734.50 of the Revised Code."