

Capacity decline of less than one percent documented on Jan. 1, 2010

In a year that brought a decline in landfill capacity of less than one (0.7) percent, five regions reported capacity declines ranging from 2.0 to 13.1 percent. There was more than eight million gate cubic yards decline from year to year. However, two regions reported an increase of available capacity. Region Three’s capacity increased the most at 13.9 percent, with the opening of Atkinson Landfill. Region One reported an increase in capacity of 3.4 percent, due to opening of new cells at Veolia ES Orchard Hills and Winnebago Landfill. Region 4 also saw the opening of Clinton Landfill Inc. #3.

The table on page 2 compares landfill remaining capacities in “snapshots” taken on Jan. 1, 2009 and Jan. 1, 2010.

Municipal waste management in Illinois: 2009

Landfilling continues to play the largest role in the handling of municipal waste in Illinois. It is estimated that 63 percent of the waste stream was landfilled in 2009. Waste data collected from landfill operators (13.9 million gate tons), and compost site operators (488,704 tons), and the amount reported as recycled by local recycling coordinators (7.5 million tons) were added together for a total of approximately 21.9 million tons. Percentages for each category were calculated.

Waste generation, as calculated by recycling coordinators, does not include the amounts of landscape waste land applied on-farm at agronomic rates on seven farms in Illinois and any household management of municipal waste. No waste was burned in commercial municipal waste incinerators in Illinois during 2009.

Municipal waste management in Illinois then computes to the following rates: landfilling: 63 percent; recycling: 34 percent and composting: 3 percent. These figures are outlined below in a pie chart.

Two new landfills are open in 2009

<u>Landfill</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Opening Date</u>
Atkinson LF ¹	Atkinson	8-20-09
Clinton LF #3	Clinton	7-14-09

¹ Capacity reported as “available” on Jan. 1, 2010

State of Origin of Wastes Received at 24 Illinois Landfills in 2009¹

Of all solid waste landfilled in Illinois in 2009, 12 percent comes to Illinois from out-of-state. Waste haulers are not required by state law to report how much Illinois waste they transported to landfills in other states or from which counties (in Illinois) waste is transported.

Most states exporting waste to Illinois are neighbors of Illinois and share its borders.

<u>State of Origin</u>	<u>Cu. Yds.</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Missouri	4,169,630	77.7
Iowa	883,859	16.5
Wisconsin	152,885	2.8
Indiana	124,716	2.3
Kentucky	24,413	0.5
Other States ²	<u>10,378</u>	<u>0.2</u>
Total	5,365,887	100%

¹ 24 landfills accepted some waste from 11 other states in 2009.

² Other states include: Arkansas, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska and Tennessee.

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