

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2317

By: Leist of the House
and
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An Act relating to environment and natural resources;
amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-2414, as
renumbered by Section 359, Chapter 145, O.S.L.
1993, and as last amended by Section 1, Chapter
371, O.S.L. 1997 (27A O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 2-
10-301), which relates to the Oklahoma Solid Waste
Management Act; clarifying applicability of certain
requirements for submission of certain information;
and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-2414, as
renumbered by Section 359, Chapter 145, O.S.L. 1993, and as last
amended by Section 1, Chapter 371, O.S.L. 1997 (27A O.S. Supp. 1997,
Section 2-10-301), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-10-301. A. Except as specified in subsection C of
this section:

1. No person shall dispose of solid waste at any site or
facility other than a site or facility for which a permit for solid
or hazardous waste disposal has been issued by the Department;

2. No person shall own or operate a site or facility at which
solid waste is disposed other than a site or facility for which a

permit for solid or hazardous waste disposal has been issued by the Department; and

3. No person shall knowingly transport solid waste to an unpermitted site or facility.

B. No provision of the Oklahoma Solid Waste Management Act shall be construed so as to prevent a person from disposing of solid waste from his own household upon his own land provided such disposal does not create a nuisance or a hazard to the public health or environment or does not violate a local government ordinance.

C. 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection F of this section, the Department shall not issue an original permit for a new landfill disposal site having a permitted boundary located within one-half (1/2) mile of an outside wall of any dwelling occupied at the time a permit application is made unless the owner of the dwelling consents to the location of the landfill disposal site, except under the procedures specified in paragraph 2 of this subsection. Such consent shall not be required for any landfill disposal site designed for the disposal of fly ash or bottom ash generated by coal-fired facilities. Such consent shall not be required as a condition for the issuance of:

- a. any renewal permit for an existing landfill site, or
- b. a permit for any modification or expansion of an existing landfill site, or
- c. a permit for the construction of a new landfill site on property if any point of said property is within three (3) miles of any point of an existing permitted landfill site owned by the permittee.

2. After the applicant has made a reasonable effort to negotiate a consent agreement with the owners of such dwellings and has failed to obtain such consent, the applicant may certify to the Department that such reasonable effort had been made and that the owners of said dwellings will not consent. The Department may then

issue said permit if the permit application meets all other requirements of the solid waste regulations of the Board.

3. If a permit is issued without the consent of said owners, they shall have a cause of action against the applicant for any loss of value to their land and residence which will be caused by the operation of the landfill disposal site. Further, in an action brought to determine said damage, the court shall have the authority to weigh the public benefit of the proposed disposal site against the negative impact to the dwellings in the affected area and enjoin the operation of said landfill disposal site where the negative impact outweighs the public benefit. Any nonconsenting owner or owners who wish to file with the court must do so no later than sixty (60) days after issuance of the permit. Upon issuance of any such permit the Department shall file a recordable notice of the permit in the land records of the county in which the site is located. The notice shall contain the legal description of the site as well as the terms under which the permit is issued.

D. The Department shall issue a permit to be effective for the life of a given site. In order to assure adequate financial assurance as required by this section, ~~the~~ each permittee who operates a landfill disposal site other than a generator-owned and operated private industrial nonhazardous monofill shall submit information on an annual basis at such times and in such form as the Department shall require, sufficient to allow the Department to know the remaining landfill life.

E. Information and data submitted in support of a permit application or a permit modification application for any site serving a population equivalent of five thousand (5,000) or more persons shall be prepared and sealed by a professional engineer licensed to practice in this state. Applicants for smaller site permits are encouraged but not required to seek professional engineering assistance.

F. The Department shall not issue any permit for the siting or expansion of an asbestos monofill which will be located closer than five hundred (500) yards from any occupied residence. No asbestos monofill shall be constructed within three (3) miles of the corporate boundaries of any city or town.

G. Disposal sites approved by the Department to receive only solid waste shall not accept for disposal any waste classified as hazardous waste.

H. No permit shall be required for a disposal site constructed pursuant to an order issued by the Department in an effort to remediate an abandoned or inactive waste site. Such disposal site shall only receive waste from the remediation project, and shall be designed, constructed, and operated in accordance with the technical standards established in the applicable rules promulgated by the Board. Such rules shall not be less stringent than those which would apply to a federally funded remediation project pursuant to the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of February, 1998.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1998.

President of the Senate