

SECTION 3-6: WASTE MANAGEMENT

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3-6-00 POLICY

This section establishes HHS policy and responsibilities for compliance with statutory and procedural requirements for solid waste management including disposal, waste minimization, recycling, and resource recovery requirements. The Solid Waste Disposal Act (SWDA), as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), establishes requirements concerning the disposal and management of solid wastes.

AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCES

- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 USC 6901 et seq.).
- Solid Waste Disposal Act of 1965, as amended of 1976 (42 USC 6901 et seq.).
- Clean Air Act (CAA) of 1970, as amended (42 USC 7401 et seq.).
- Pollution Prevention Act (PPA) of 1990 (42 USC 13101 et seq.).
- Executive Order (EO) 12873, Federal Acquisition, Recycling, and Waste Prevention, October 20, 1993.
- Executive Order (EO) 13423, Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy and Transportation Management, January 24, 2007.

3-6-10 PROCEDURES

The HHS facility will design solid waste disposal programs as total systems that consider the relative economic advantages of the latest technology as well as the potential for resource recovery. The program will explore shredding, compacting, energy recovery, and similar processes. A facility solid waste management plan must be developed addressing each of the following: Material Reuse, Recycling, Energy Recovery, Disposal, and Source Reduction.

All HHS organizations and tenants must participate in a facility recycling program. A facility-recycling program shall be established for the following purposes:

- To protect the environment and prevent the depletion of valuable natural resources.
- To comply with Federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.
- To reduce the volume of waste disposed in landfills.
- To reuse readily available resources.
- To avoid excessive costs for the disposal of solid waste by other means.
- To obtain proceeds from the sale of recyclable material.

3-6-20 GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION

See [HHS GAM, Part 30 - Environmental Protection - February 2000](#), for more guidance on this topic.