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Title: Responsibilities related to Municipal and ICI Waste

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**Management of Municipal and ICI Wastes
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1.0 SUBJECT:

Municipal and ICI waste management

2.0 OBJECTIVE:

To provide definitions and define responsibilities for municipal and ICI wastes.

3.0 DEFINITIONS:

Department: Department of Environment and Conservation

ICI: Industrial, Commercial and Institutional. These represent all waste streams other than municipal waste.

Municipal waste: Garbage, refuse, rubbish, litter and other discarded materials resulting from residential activities, but excluding household hazardous waste.

4.0 BACKGROUND:

The Waste Management Strategy sets out government's vision for waste management in the province. The Strategy focuses on municipal waste but by default and through Department regulations and policy ICI waste is regulated.

Municipalities are responsible for waste management in their community. The Service Board Act allows municipalities to work cooperatively in managing waste.

5.0 LEGISLATION:

Environmental Protection Act, sections 14, 15 and 16
Waste Management Strategy
Municipalities Act, Sections 35(a), 176
Regional Service Board Act, Section 19(a)

6.0 PROTOCOL:

This policy applies only to solid waste. Landfills in the province are generally not permitted to accept liquid waste for disposal.

Municipalities/Regional Service Boards are responsible for the collection, processing and disposal of municipal waste, directly or through the oversight of contracted operators.

Processing may include recycling and composting.

Municipalities, as part of their waste collection responsibilities, are responsible to collect household hazardous waste. However, municipalities/Regional Service

Boards are not approved to dispose of household hazardous waste. They are required to engage a licensed hazardous waste company who will ensure appropriate treatment, or disposal out of the province. The province has no licensed hazardous waste disposal facilities.

The ICI sector is responsible for their own waste collection, processing and disposal. Where ICI waste meets the characteristics of municipal waste, and where both parties agree, the ICI entity may partner with, or engage the municipality/Regional Service Board for any or all of the waste collection, processing and disposal.

The Strategy limits the creating of new waste disposal sites. Consequently, the municipality/Regional Service Board has an effective monopoly on waste disposal and therefore is required to accept non-hazardous ICI waste, that meets the characteristics of municipal waste, for disposal. The municipality/Regional Service Board may place restrictions on quantities of special waste, such as industrial processing, agricultural and forestry wastes for disposal.