



# **DEQ Policy & Legislative Update**

**Michigan Recycling Coalition  
Spring Conference  
May 4, 2016**

# Who is the Legislature?

## Michigan State House

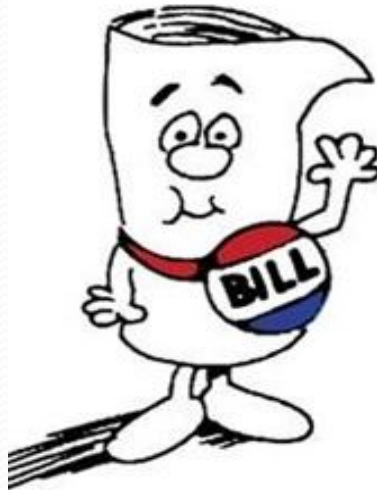
- 110 Districts
  - 63 Republicans
  - 46 Democrats
  - 1 Open Seat
- 25 Standing Committees
- Members serve up to three 2 year terms

# Who is the Legislature?

## Michigan State Senate

- 38 Districts
  - 27 Republicans
  - 11 Democrats
- 22 Standing Committees
- Members serve up to two 4 year terms

# There's a lot of legislation being introduced!



To date:

- 1,616 bills introduced in the House
- 929 bills introduced in the Senate

# Where does Legislation come from?

- Legislators
- Executive
- Constituents
- Departments
- Interest Groups

# What my job entails:

- Working with staff to draft our departments' policy positions
- Translating our department's technical, legal, and policy positions for legislators
- Working in partnership with other departments and stakeholders
- Working with the Governor's office
- Balancing legislative priorities while recognizing the political landscape

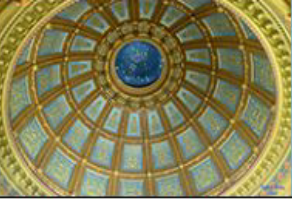
# How to get involved:

- Stakeholder meetings
- Public meetings
- Contact us
- Contact legislators
- Participate in committee

# Committee & Testimony

- Card of Support, Neutrality or Opposition
- Submit written testimony for the record
- Testify
  - Prepare your testimony in advance
  - Keep your testimony short and to the point
  - Avoid emotional speeches and propaganda
  - Be prepared for questions that may arise





## Legislature

- Bills
- Appropriation Bills
- Calendars
- Committees
- Committee Bill Records
- Committee Meetings
- Concurrent Resolutions
- Initiatives/Alternative
- Measures
- Joint Resolutions
- Journals
- Legislators
- Public Act (Signed Bills)
- Resolutions
- Rules
- Session Schedules
- Search - Basic
- Search - Advanced

## Laws

- Often Req Laws
- Req Outdated Acts
- Basic MCL Search
- Advanced MCL Search
- Public Act MCL Search
- Michigan Constitution
- Chapter Index
- Executive Orders
- Executive Reorgs
- Historical Documents
- See the MCL Tables

## More

- Archives
- Email Notifications
- Michigan Manuals
- Michigan Color Themes
- Publications
- Related Sites

## Syndication



The 2015-2016 Michigan Manual is now available for purchase.

Recent Bill Activity (current news cycle has 0 items) [List all recent bill activity]

- No bill activity within the last 24 hours. - Senate:  
Adjourned until Tuesday, May 3, 2016 10:00:00 AM

### Common Searches

#### Legislative Bill Search for 2015-2016 Session

(For Example: Select 'weapons' to show related bills even if 'weapons' is not found in the text of the bill.)

#### Michigan Compiled Laws Search

#### Legislative Activity

- Today's Calendars
- Today's House Meetings
- Today's Senate Meetings
- House Audio/Video
- Senate Audio/Video
- Recent Bill Activity
- Daily Intro/Passed/Enrolled

#### How do I...

- ...get notified when a bill status changes?
- ...find a Public Act?
- ...find a bill from a prior session?
- ...Find Ballot Proposals? (Related Links Page)
- ...get help when I can't find what I'm looking for?

Frequently Asked Questions

You can find legislative information online at:  
[www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov)

# Michigan's Residential Recycling Plan

- Charge from Governor Snyder
- Stakeholder Process
- Plan of Action:
  - Benchmark and measure progress
  - Educate and provide technical assistance
  - Stimulate investment, encourage regional collaboration and increase convenient access to recycling
  - Develop markets and support innovation
  - Sustain the commitment

# Successes

- \$1 million General Fund Appropriation
  - Additional Staff
- Grants geared towards recycling
  - 2014: \$250,000 towards 3 projects to collect data to help determine Michigan's recycling rate
  - 2015: \$635,000 for 14 projects aimed at enhancing local or regional recycling programs
  - 2016: \$450,000 towards enhancing cart programs
- Creation of the Governor's Recycling Council
- Measurement legislation

# Governor's Recycling Council

- Jim Frey, Chair – Academics and Consultants
- Mike Csapo – Recycling Community
- Linda Gobler – Retailers
- Jim Kulp – Processors
- Bill Lobenherz – Bottlers
- Kerrin O'Brien – Environmental Interests
- Tonia Olson – Waste Haulers, Waster Industry, and Landfill Owners and Operators
- Elisa Seltzer – Public and Community
- Doug Wood – Local Government and Regions

# Governor's Recycling Council

- The GRC advises the Governor and DEQ Director on strategies to increase residential recycling.
- Taken into consideration are:
  - Cost-effectiveness
  - Economic development
  - Job creation
  - Technical support and outreach
  - Environmental benefits

# SB 507 - Public Act 55 of 2016

- Requires recycling establishments register and report at least annually recyclable materials received and shipped from their facility
  - Glass
  - Paper and paper products
  - Plastic and plastic products
  - Metals, ferrous and non-ferrous, including white goods
  - Textiles
    - Exempted: Iron, steel or nonferrous metals if facility is regulated under the Scrap Metal Regulatory Act
    - Materials from the shredding or dismantling of motor vehicles
    - Beneficial use by products under Part 115
    - E-waste under Part 173

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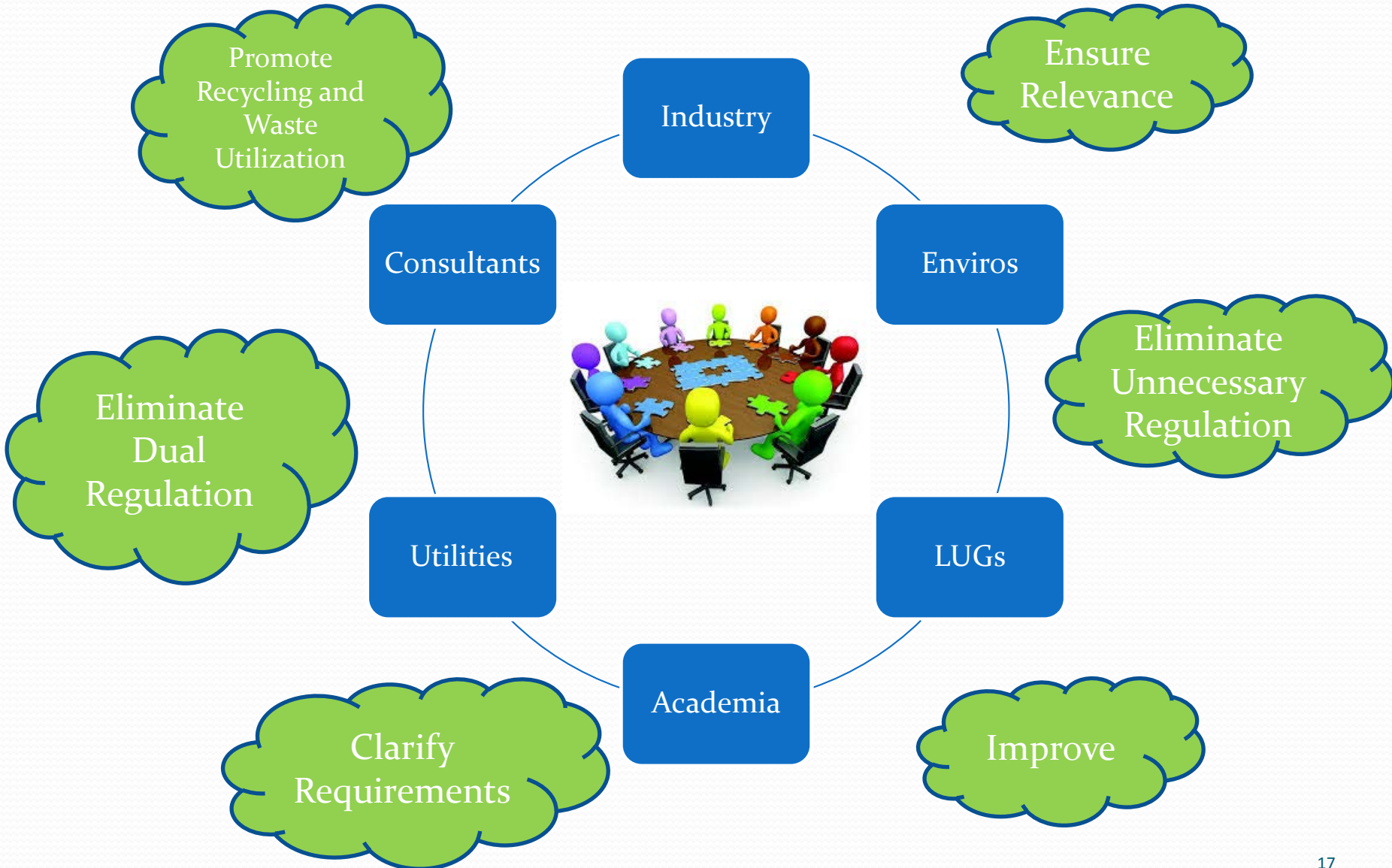
- Reports may contain aggregated data
- Protected under FOIA and confidential
- Allows DEQ to establish reporting guidelines to minimize double counting
- Entities not required to report may do so voluntarily
  - Entities recycling less than 100 tons per year
  - Drop off locations
  - 1 day collection events
- DEQ to post volumes online
- DEQ to report to the Legislature

# Electronic Waste – SB 922

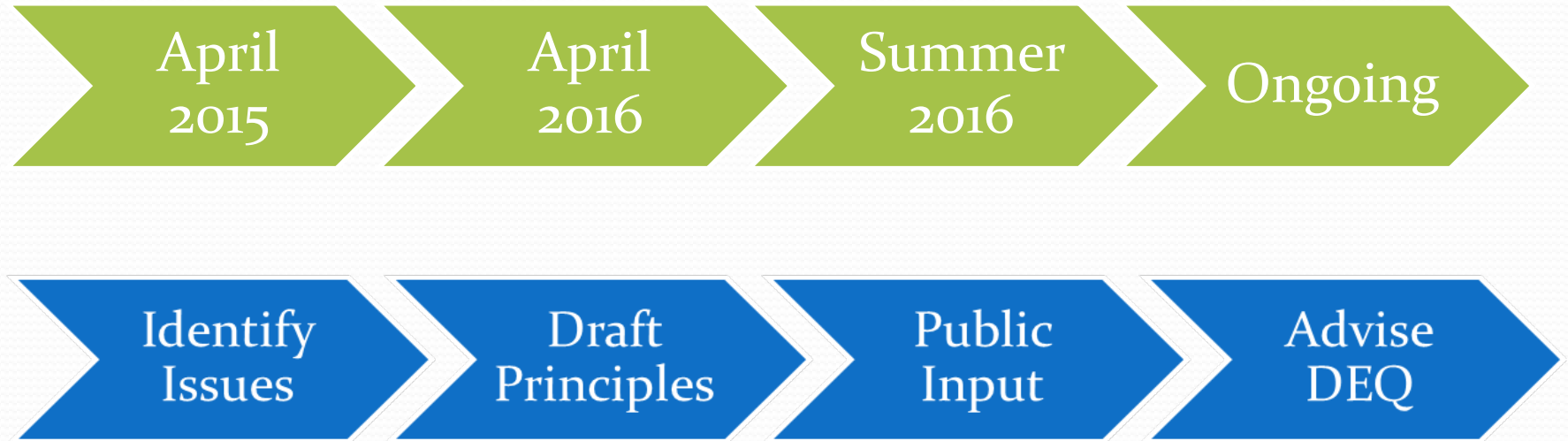
- Updates definitions
- Establishes incentives to encourage rural collection
- Expands reporting by manufacturers and recyclers
- Updates registration fees; performance based
- Clarifies registration requirements for out of state recyclers and certification requirements for registered recyclers
- Establishes advisory committee
- Allows DEQ to establish a grants program



# Solid Waste and Sustainability Advisory Panel



# Tentative Timeline



# Solid Waste Planning

- Tighten process
- Utilization capacity
- No greenfield landfills
- Tie expansions to progress
- No import/export
- Flow control ok
- Promote regional plans



# Municipal and Commercial Waste Utilization

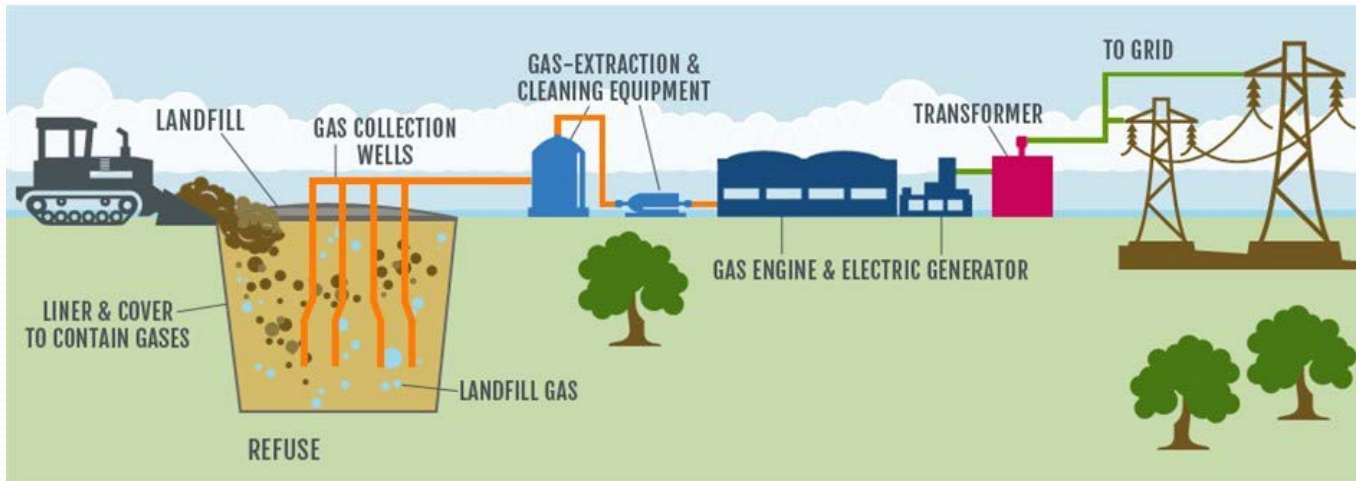
- General permit concept
- More inspections



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# Organics



# Financial Assurance Lacking

- Type III \$20k/acre
- LDF gas management
- Leachate
- Equipment
- Onsite staff
- Utilities





What  
happens  
after 30  
years of  
postclosure?

# Postclosure Ideas

- Extend (reduce) period
- Extend FA
- Due care
- Institutional controls
- Site registry





# Industrial Waste Sludges

- Should solidification require a permit and license?
- Authorize Type II to solidify in operations plan.



# TENORM

- How to implement TDAP recommendations?
- Amend Part 115 and rules?



# Coal Combustion Residuals

- New federal rule
- Do not amend state plan
- Do not amend Part 115
- Dual regulation is ok



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# Questions

