



Environmental Management Policy

In keeping with its mission, the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency (DMASWA) is committed to minimizing its impact on the environment by mandating and encouraging environmentally-responsible behavior on the part of staff, business associates and members of the Dubuque community - without detracting from its core services of solid waste management.

To meet this commitment, the DMASWA has implemented an environmental management system (EMS) to provide a framework for evaluating its performance annually. We demonstrate our commitment through PRIDE:

Pollution prevention – identifying and minimizing environmental impacts from operations;

Regulatory compliance – meeting and exceeding community expectations;

Improvement – establishing and reviewing objectives, metrics and action plans;

Development – training and educating staff, business associates and members of the community concerning environmental responsibility, including material management; and,

Evaluation – seeking continual improvement of environmental programs through root causal analysis.

The focus areas of this program include managing on-site greenhouse gases, hazardous waste and yard waste management, energy conservation, environmental education and awareness, improvement of water and soil quality, and waste minimization.

The DMASWA Board of Directors recognizes that it owns land used for the landfill facility and tenant farming, and directly controls the activities upon that land. We recognize our responsibility to influence waste and material management decisions outside the Agency's property boundaries.

In order to influence those areas out of our control, we may provide material management outlets, establish contractual relationships for operations and programs, partner with community organizations; and be a waste and material management resource for our service area. The areas of influence for the DMASWA are the City and County of Dubuque, contract customers, Delaware County and out of state customers.

A Core Team will be responsible for monitoring this program. This team will provide quarterly and annual progress reports to the Board of Directors, landfill staff, and other interested parties.

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