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Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency Environmental Policy

In order to control current and future economic and environmental liability, the mission of the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency is to provide environmentally sound, financially stable, fiscally responsible, community recognized, solid Waste Management services that include appropriate waste reduction, resource conservation, and disposal activities.

The DMASWA shall accomplish its mission by:

- Continuing to own and operate a good, environmentally-sound landfill at the present location.
- Facilitating well-planned, community-driven, sustainable waste reduction and resource conservation alternatives to the Agency landfill.
- Providing a stable funding system based on user fees (i.e., tipping fees and various direct charges) and minimizing tax subsidies.
- Maintaining reserve funds to cover appropriate items such as closure/post closure and care.
- Employing well-qualified staff and/or contractors.
- Fostering a customer service-based orientation toward waste haulers and other facility users.
- Studying and identifying alternative solid waste management methods, customer needs, and funding approaches, and providing for the implementation of services to fill identified voids.
- Providing a structure for community/member input to decisions and ongoing Board member education.

The DMASWA is committed to implementing an Environmental Management System to guide continuous improvements in facilities, programs, services, and partnerships, initially including yard waste management, household hazardous waste collection, water quality improvement, greenhouse gas reduction, recycling services, and environmental education. Objectives and targets will be reviewed periodically by the Agency to ensure compliance with regulatory standards. Progress will be measured and reported annually.