

## Tennessee Solid Waste—Year 2007 to Year 2009

### >>SOLUTION<<

SUPPORT SB 2180/HB 2216—USE SOLID WASTE TO CREATE JOBS AND BUSINESS

1. **REGULATIONS BASED ON COMPOSITION OF SOLID WASTE** NOT LOCAL REPORTS, QUOTAS, PLANS
2. **MANAGE SOLID WASTE AS A RESOURCE FOR JOBS AND BUSINESS** NOT LANDFILL MATERIAL
3. KEEP FOOD WASTE (12%) AND YARD WASTE (13%) OUT OF THE LANDFILLS TO STOP METHANE, CREATE NEEDED COMPOST AND VALUABLE METHANE

In **2007**, TDEC had an administration bill *SB 2267/HB 2289* for the State Solid Waste Disposal Board to consider new solid waste regulations

In **2009**, TDEC has two (2) bills [*SB 2083/HB 2051* and *SB 0876/HB 1630*] both of which OVERRIDE the planning of the Solid Waste Disposal, promise a 75% reduction in Class I landfills over eight years, and one has a \$1 million fiscal note.

In **2009**, TDEC is dealing with the aftermath of yet another Landfill blow out—the Class II Coal storage Facility in East Tennessee.

>>>this landfill joins Dickson County Landfill, Coffee County Landfill, and several East Tennessee landfills on the disaster lists with migrating groundwater pollution.

>>>Dickson County Landfill landfill began as a 75 acre landfill, now pollution has migrated underground to make it a 15 square mile landfill. **A worker at Dickson County Funeral Home**—“When we get bodies from Eno Road [then primarily black area where landfill built] they often have growths and tumors we have never seen before.”

>>>In **2007** and **2009** TDEC has made no efforts to clean up these landfills. We have reports of people made sick in far East Tennessee by drinking water from wells apparently polluted by landfills.

In **2007** and **2009** Tennessee is the only state which counts materials landfilled in class IV Construction and Demolition Landfills toward the 25% diversion goal.

Following the **2007 Administration bill** (*SB 2267/HB 2289*), TDEC appointed a 23 member ‘Solid Waste Reduction Task Force’ which was all white, 21 out of 23 white male, and 20 out of 23 local solid waste managers. The ‘Task Force’ voted unanimously, among other things

1. TDEC developed the wrong method for planning reform—independent, part time Executive Director needed
2. Solid waste reform is a multi-year process including management controls for the Board
3. Tennessee solid waste numbers are inaccurate and local reports do not reflect reality  
**In years 2008 and 2009**— The State Solid Waste Disposal Board twice (2) rejected putting out for public comment Proposed Solid Waste Regulations developed by TDEC