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STATE SOLID WASTE REFORM

On 14 April the **State Solid Waste Advisory Committee** will hear public testimony beginning at 9:30 a.m. on the 17th Floor of the L & C Tower. This Committee advises the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. On 3 June 2009 the State Solid Waste Disposal Board meets to consider if the solid waste regulations proposed by TDEC should be released for Public Comment. *The Board has twice rejected these regulations.*

Please go to BURNT web site 5 February and 25 January to read background information and who to write on the solid waste regulations.

See attached file for the BURNT memo to the State Solid Waste Advisory Committee (graciously included in the packet by TDEC)

As the Coal Ash Class II Landfill Facility disaster demonstrated, solid waste is a health issue. Dickson County Landfill, Coffee County Landfill, and East Tennessee landfills are making people sick.

We need regulations based on CONTENT of solid waste---food waste (**12% of the waste stream**) and yard waste (**13%**) can be composted to generate clean methane gas and compost not dangerous landfills. Construction and demolition waste (**15%–20%**) can be recycled and reused. Paper/paperboard (**36%**), metals (**9%**), and plastics can be reused

PROPOSED Tennessee solid waste regulations are based on more quotas, goals, empty local reports, and base years. We need to divert materials from landfills to create jobs and business

What Are We Landfilling?

These regulations were developed by a "Solid Waste Reduction Task Force" which was 23 out of 23 white, 21 out of 23 white male, and 20 out of 23 local solid waste managers.

Please write to the Governor, members of the Solid Waste Disposal board, and your elected representatives to say "NO" to these landfill oriented regulations

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