

Help The Environment & Business**Ask The State Solid Waste Disposal Board to REJECT Proposed Regs****Positive Alternative '2009 State Solid Waste Planning Act' [based on SB 1779/HB 1345—year 2007]****What** Proposed State Solid Waste Regulations developed by TDEC under **SB 2267/HB 2289****Flaws in These Regulations** Unfunded mandates for local governments to ban food waste, yard waste, and electronic waste from the landfill will lead to no compliance**Problem** Proposed Regulations do not address that Tennessee is a leader in per capita landfilling, very poor local reporting of solid waste, and regulations have no specific goals such as managing solid waste to use as a raw material in business to create jobs NOT landfill material**When** *State Solid Waste Disposal Board meets 3 February 2009 to vote whether to release these regulations for public comment***History** 1991 Tennessee solid waste reform (*T.C.A. 211-201-101, et al*) was preceded by three (3) years of planning. 25% diversion from Class I Municipal Solid Waste Landfills was mandated. In 1996, county governments and TDEC persuaded the General Assembly to gut the recycling diversion goal by allowing landfilling in Class IV Construction and Demolition Landfills to count as diversion! *Tennessee is the ONLY state which counts landfilled waste toward the diversion goal.* In 2007, the General Assembly passed **SB 2267/HB 2289** which required the State Solid Waste Disposal Board to consider new regulations**How Were These Regulations Developed?** TDEC appointed a Solid Waste Reduction Task Force (24 members, all white, 22 out of 24 white males, 21 out of 24 local solid waste managers) [*A BURNT member was on the Task Force*] The Task Force voted unanimously

1. TDEC developed the wrong method for planning reform
2. An independent, part time Executive Director or environmental consultant was needed
3. Solid waste reform is a multi-year process including management controls for evaluation

Solid Waste is BIG Business Tennessee business and local governments spend \$250 million (\$250,000,000) to landfill waste. *SAVE businesses and local governments landfill cost\$, protect groundwater, and create jobs not landfills from solid waste.***The State Solid Waste Disposal Board rejected these regulations on 29 September 2008****Encourage the Board to do so again so that Tennessee can create jobs and profits not landfills****SUPPORT THE GOVERNOR'S PLEDGE TO STRENGTHEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION**

Governor Phil Bredesen pledged to strengthen Tennessee environmental regulations when he inspected the TVA coal ash pond disaster (The Tennessean, 1 January, pg. 1-A) **The TVA coal ash flood is not an isolated incident.** From Kingsport to Oak Ridge to Tullahoma to Dickson County to New Johnsonville, the people of our state suffer from poor regulation of air, water, and land because political leaders recruited polluting industries to bolster our impoverished state. Instead, we have a worse rate of infant mortality than Cuba or Hungary and a badly out of kilter state budget. Our governor and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation worked hard to improve our Tennessee parks and wilderness areas. In 2007, the National Recreation and Park Association selected Tennessee State park system to receive the prestigious Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management, just a few years after our parks suffered greatly from budget cuts and neglect. We support the Governor's vow to improve environmental regulation