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Rep. Loudenbeck Announces Final Passage of DNR Tipping Fee Bill

Madison, WI...On Tuesday, April 1, 2014, the Wisconsin State Senate passed Assembly Bill 494 relating to the waiver of tipping fees for solid waste disposal. Assembly Bill 494, authored by Rep. Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton), passed the state Assembly on a voice vote on January 14th, and now moves to the governor for his signature.

Under the bill, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would have the discretion to waive tipping fees imposed on waste disposed of at a solid or hazardous waste disposal or waste processing facility as an incentive for participating in voluntary waste removal activities. The waiver would only be only available to parties who did not knowingly participate in an act that caused or contributed to the need for waste removal activities.

"The DNR is working with local contractors to structure a voluntary cleanup at a former waste processing facility in Rock County in exchange for a release of liability from future enforcement actions. The bill applies to a very limited set of circumstances, but could be helpful to the DNR in order to mitigate potential environmental impacts and related liability," said Rep. Loudenbeck.

A copy of the legislation is available at the following link: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2013/proposals/ab494

Representative Loudenbeck represents the 31st Assembly District which includes communities in Eastern Rock and Western Walworth Counties.

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