

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 5/31/2007

LRB Number	07-0718/1	Introduction Number	AB-0333	Estimate Type	Original
Description Disposal of ash resulting from the burning of a structure					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Summary: AB 333 would prohibit the Department from requiring that ash resulting from the burning of a structure for practice or instruction of fire fighters or the testing of fire fighting equipment be disposed of in a landfill licensed under s. 289.31 Stats. Currently, Ch. NR 502.11 (2)(c), Wis. Admin. Code, requires that ash from a structure burned for practice and instruction of fire fighters or testing of fire fighting equipment be disposed of, when cool, in a landfill approved by the department; however, the rule also provides that the Department may approve alternate ash disposal sites if groundwater and surface water quality will not be affected. Based on the chemical characteristics of ash from burned structures, the Department typically requires the landfilling of ash. Alternative ash disposal sites are generally not approved by the Department.

State Fiscal Estimate: The Department assumes that the state revenue from solid waste tipping fees associated with the test burn ash (assumed to be categorized as municipal solid waste) will be reduced by approximately \$12,150 annually. The Department's Air Management Program estimates that approximately 200 test burns occur in Wisconsin annually. Based on consultations with landfill owners, the Department estimates that each test burn produces approximately 20 tons of ash. It is assumed in 80% of cases, test burn ash would not be voluntarily disposed of in licensed landfills.

[200 test burns per year x .80 x 20 tons of ash per test burn x \$3.797 state tipping fees = \$12,150 per year.]

Local Fiscal Estimate: None

The property owner is typically responsible for the cost of disposing of ash in a landfill following a test burn. By prohibiting the Department from requiring the landfilling of ash, the bill will result in some cost savings to property owners.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Although the Department cannot quantify them now, long-range costs associated with private well replacements, groundwater cleanup, or reduced property values are all possible if the ash is not disposed of properly.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): None			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$
	(FTE Position Changes)		
	State Operations - Other Costs		
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$	\$
	GPR Earned		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		-12,150
	TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$-12,150
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		State	Local
	NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$	\$
	NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$-12,150	\$
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