



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 333
[2013 Assembly Bill 494]

**Waiver from Solid Waste Disposal
Fees for Certain Waste Removal
Activities**

Wisconsin law imposes certain fees, often referred to as “tipping fees,” on the disposal of solid and hazardous waste in a licensed waste disposal facility. Those fees include the groundwater and well compensation, solid waste facility siting, recycling, and environmental repair fees.

2013 Wisconsin Act 333 authorizes the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to grant a waiver from those tipping fees to a person who the department requests to participate in waste removal activities to mitigate potential environmental impacts and related liability. To grant the waiver, the DNR must determine that the waiver will provide an incentive for the person to participate in such waste removal activities. The waiver may cover only those fees for solid waste or hazardous waste that is disposed as a result of waste removal activities requested by the DNR to mitigate potential environmental impacts and related liability.

The Act prohibits the DNR from granting a waiver from the tipping fees to either of the following:

- A person who knowingly committed a violation of law that caused or contributed to the need for the waste removal activities.
- A person who committed an act that the person knew or should have known would cause or contribute to the need for the waste removal activities.

If the DNR grants a waiver under the Act, it must issue a document regarding the exemption from fees to the recipient of the waiver. The waiver recipient must then provide a copy of that document to the operator of the facility where the material is to be disposed, or to any intermediate hauler used to transport the material to a facility.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.