

DEQ Comments

Agency's Response to the Department of Planning and Budget's Economic Impact

Analysis: The department has reviewed the economic impact analysis prepared by the Department of Planning and Budget and has one comment on the analysis. The amended regulations include a requirement for solid waste facilities to provide \$1 million additional financial assurance upon exceeding Groundwater Protection Standards. In the Business and Entities Affected section, the Department of Planning and Budget states “about 10 to 20 facilities will be required to monitor groundwater standards.”

Current solid waste management regulations require most land disposal facilities to monitor groundwater. These facilities are monitoring for impacts to the groundwater and may be required to establish Groundwater Protection Standards. A facility would then be required to provide additional financial assurance when constituents are detected above Groundwater Protection Standards. At this time there are 10 to 20 facilities exceeding Groundwater Protection Standards that would be required to provide additional financial assurance under the amended regulation.