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**What does Ohio EPA's review of the solid waste laws (House Bill 592) encompass? Are there any "boundaries" on what will and will not be considered?**

Ohio EPA intends to make a very broad evaluation of solid waste management in Ohio and the laws that govern its management. House Bill 592, passed in 1988, is Ohio's comprehensive solid waste law and is responsible for much of the structure for solid waste management that we see today in Ohio. However, the law has been amended many times since it was passed and should not be thought of as limiting this evaluation. There are topics that were not covered by House Bill 592 that may be considered during this review process. The review process is intended to broadly consider the way that solid waste (and possibly other similar waste streams) are managed and regulated in Ohio, looking holistically at the entire system.

It isn't possible to provide a comprehensive list of all the topics that could be discussed as part of this review process. Because the review will encompass the entire system in Ohio for managing waste (other than hazardous waste, as will be explained below), all of the components of the existing solid waste management system are fair game. Thus, topics that might be discussed include (but are not limited to):

- the roles of Ohio EPA, health departments and solid waste management districts;
- permits and licenses for solid waste facilities, including landfill, incinerator, transfer and compost facilities;
- landfill siting, design, construction, and operation;
- ground water and explosive gas monitoring;
- post-closure care of landfills;
- other regulation of municipal, industrial, and residual solid waste landfills;
- recycling;
- the state solid waste management plan;
- the solid waste management advisory council;
- scrap tire management;
- composting;
- waste-to-energy;
- solid waste fees;
- beneficial use;
- disposal restrictions;
- reporting requirements; and
- flow control/designation;

In addition to the existing solid waste management system, the review could also encompass things that are not part of the current system. Examples include (but again are not limited to):

- the definition of solid waste: what is included and excluded;
- infectious waste management;
- solid waste transporters;
- local impacts of landfills, such as odors, sounds, property values; and traffic management.

**Why isn't hazardous waste included in the review process?**

The regulatory program for hazardous waste is a federally mandated and driven program. Because the components of that program are not controlled by Ohio, only U.S. EPA can change those components.

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**Are there any fundamental principles which will guide the process?**

There are a couple of aspects of House Bill 592 that will continue to remain as fundamental underpinnings of what we are trying to achieve:

- however solid waste is managed in Ohio, it must be done so in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment;
- reducing reliance on landfills for the management of solid waste will remain a fundamental objective. It was recognized at the time that House Bill 592 was passed that there are more environmentally preferable options for the management of solid waste other than landfills. This remains the case today.