

		West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources			
		MANUAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROCEDURES			
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House Bill 4048, signed into law March 16, 1992, removed all reference to solid waste from Chapter 16, Article 1, Section 9, of the Public Health Laws of West Virginia. The [Office of the Attorney General has issued an opinion dated April 15, 1992](#), which clarifies our responsibility in regard to solid waste disposal (see attached).

The Office of Environmental Health Services and Local Health Departments will continue to be involved with solid waste disposal where improper disposal creates a definite public health hazard or where the Bureau for Public Health rules (Food Establishment Rule, General Sanitation Rule, etc.) require specific solid waste handling practices. The routine investigation of household garbage complaints, open dumps maintained by an individual on his own property, other promiscuous open disposal sites, or complaints involving vehicles used for the transportation of solid waste is no longer the responsibility of the State of Local Health Departments. Such complaints should be referred to the appropriate Division of Natural Resources' local representative.

#### References

#### History

Replaces SW-1 dated February 8, 1985

#### Attachments

[April 15, 1992 Memo from Office of Attorney General](#)