

# North Central Ohio Solid Waste Management District

## Policy Committee Responsibilities

Ohio law defines the role and the responsibilities of Policy Committees which, among other responsibilities, include the following:

1. The preparation and adoption of a solid waste management plan that must be approved by the political subdivisions within the District, the Boards of County Commissioners or each of the Counties making up the District, and Ohio EPA.
2. The annual review of the District's progress in implementing the District Plan and report of its findings to the Board of Directors.
3. Initiate and seek community support for a change in fees to assure that sufficient income exists to finance implementation of the District Plan.

Members of the Policy Committee are set forth in Section 3734.54(B) and (C), Ohio Revised Code, are:

1. President of the Board of County Commissioners
2. Chief Executive Officer of the Municipal Corporation having the largest population with the boundaries of a County (City Mayor)
3. Health Commissioner of the Health District having the largest territorial jurisdiction within a County
4. A representative selected to present all Townships and Villages within each County (President of the Township Association)

A County, City or Health District representative may transfer his or her membership to a designee by making such designation in writing to the Chair prior to the effective date. The four local government members shall concur on the selection of an appointment of three private sector members as follows:

5. One representing an industrial, commercial or institutional generator of solid waste,
6. One having no affiliation with the waste industry or entities that are significant generators of solid waste, and
7. One representing the general interests of the citizens

The NCO Solid Waste District, therefore, has seven Policy Committee members per county or a total of 42 members. The Committee elects a Chair and an at-large member, to allow for the required uneven number of members, at their annual meeting. Appointed members serve a term of two years. The current appointments will expire November 1, 2007.

Policy Committee members represent their sector and have the responsibility of the policies and goals that are included in the NCO Solid Waste District Plan, which also requires the approval of the Ohio EPA, and must be updated every five years.

The Committee meets annually, usually in July, and may meet more frequently when a plan is being updated.

Because NCOSWD's policy committee is so large an Executive Policy Committee has been established to improve communications among the Policy Committee members and the Board of Directors. The Executive Policy Committee will consist of six Policy Committee members to be selected by the Chairperson of the Policy Committee. The Executive Policy Committee will meet quarterly at the Board of Director's Executive Committee meetings.