

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.19118 Sanitary landfill and open dump closure or reclosure matching grant program.**

Sec. 19118. (1) The department shall establish a sanitary landfill and open dump closure or reclosure matching grant program. The program shall provide up to 75% of the funding for the closure or reclosure of sanitary landfills and open dumps owned or operated by municipalities. In addition, the program shall provide up to 75% reimbursement for the closure of municipally owned sanitary landfills and open dumps or the reclosure of municipally owned sanitary landfills and open dumps that were closed after January 11, 1979, the effective date of former Act No. 641 of the Public Acts of 1978, according to the standards prescribed by that former act, which is currently part 115, but before December 4, 1986. The department shall make the grants described in this section.

(2) The department shall not make a closure or reclosure grant unless all of the following requirements are met:

(a) The sanitary landfill or open dump proposed for closure or reclosure is located in a county that has an approved solid waste management plan.

(b) The grant is for the closure of an operating sanitary landfill or open dump that is not operated according to the standards contained in part 115 and the rules promulgated under that part or the grant is for the reclosure of a closed sanitary landfill or dump that was not closed according to the standards contained in part 115 and the rules promulgated under that part.

(c) If the grant is reimbursement for the closure or reclosure of a landfill or dump, the closure or reclosure was made according to the standards of part 115 and the rules promulgated under that part.

(d) The grant shall be used only for a closure or reclosure that is a complete closure of an entire landfill or dump.

(e) The closure or reclosure will be accomplished completely within 1 year after receipt of the grant.

(3) The department shall consider the following factors in selecting recipients of closure or reclosure grants:

(a) The degree of effort demonstrated by the municipality in working toward alternative solutions to solid waste management problems.

(b) The degree of the potential threat of groundwater contamination.

(c) The likelihood that hazardous waste was accepted.

(d) The municipality's willingness to work with adjacent municipalities on alternative solutions.

(e) The municipality's commitment to refrain from operating unlicensed disposal areas in the future.

(4) The department shall not expend more than 25% of the total amount in the fund in any state fiscal year for the sanitary landfill and open dump closure or reclosure matching grant program. The department shall not expend more than \$600,000.00 for any single grant made under this section.

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