116.41 WASTE AND WASTE FACILITIES TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION.

Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 1983 c 373 s 72]

Subd. 1a. [Repealed, 1983 c 373 s 72]

Subd. 2. **Training and certification programs.** The agency shall develop standards of competence for persons operating and inspecting various classes of disposal facilities. The agency shall conduct training programs for persons operating facilities for the disposal of waste and for inspectors of such facilities, and shall charge such fees as are necessary to cover the actual costs of the training programs. All fees received shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Pollution Control Agency training account and are appropriated to the agency to pay expenses relating to the training of disposal facility personnel.

The agency shall require operators and inspectors of such facilities to obtain from the agency a certificate of competence. The agency shall conduct examinations to test the competence of applicants for certification, and shall require that certificates be renewed at reasonable intervals. The agency may charge such fees as are necessary to cover the actual costs of receiving and processing applications, conducting examinations, and issuing and renewing certificates. Certificates shall not be required for a private individual for land-spreading and associated interim and temporary storage of sewage sludge on property owned or farmed by that individual.

Subd. 3. **Regulation and enforcement assistance.** The agency shall establish a program to provide technical and financial assistance for regulation and enforcement to counties which have certified operators and inspectors conforming to the requirements of the agency, chapters 400 and 473, and sections 115A.01 to 115A.72.

Subd. 4. **Rules.** The agency shall adopt, amend, and rescind rules as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section in accordance with chapter 14.

History: *1973 c 646 s 1; 1980 c 564 art 11 s 13; 1981 c 352 s 29; 1982 c 424 s 130; 1983 c 301 s 118; 1987 c 348 s 31; 1987 c 404 s 146; 1989 c 335 art 4 s 46; 2009 c 37 art 1 s 46*