

**115A.55 SOLID WASTE REDUCTION.**

Subdivision 1. **Coordination.** The commissioner shall develop and coordinate solid waste reduction programs to include at least public education, promotion of waste reduction, and technical and financial assistance to solid waste generators.

Subd. 2. **Technical assistance.** The commissioner shall provide technical assistance to solid waste generators to enable the waste generators to implement programs or methods to reduce the amount of solid waste generated. The commissioner may use any means specified in section 115A.52 to provide technical assistance.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1996 c 470 s 29]

Subd. 4. **Statewide source reduction goal.** (a) It is a goal of the state that there be a minimum ten percent per capita reduction in the amount of mixed municipal solid waste generated in the state by December 31, 2000, based on a reasonable estimate of the amount of mixed municipal solid waste that was generated in calendar year 1993.

(b) As part of the 1997 report required under section 115A.411, the commissioner shall submit to the senate and house of representatives committees having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources and environment and natural resources finance a proposed strategy for meeting the goal in paragraph (a). The strategy must include a discussion of the different reduction potentials to be found in various sectors and may include recommended interim goals. The commissioner shall report progress on meeting the goal in paragraph (a), as well as recommendations and revisions to the proposed strategy, as part of the 1999 report required under section 115A.411.

**History:** *1Sp1989 c 1 art 20 s 5; 1994 c 639 art 5 s 3; 1995 c 247 art 1 s 10,11; 1996 c 470 s 27; 1Sp2005 c 1 art 2 s 161*