

**SENATE BILL No. 124**

By Committee on Natural Resources

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1 AN ACT concerning solid waste disposal; relating to land-spreading of  
2 drilling waste; amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 65-3407c and repealing  
3 the existing section.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 65-3407c is hereby amended to read as  
7 follows: 65-3407c. (a) The secretary may authorize persons to carry out  
8 the following activities without a solid waste permit issued pursuant to  
9 K.S.A. 65-3407, and amendments thereto:

10 (1) Dispose of solid waste at a site where the waste has been  
11 accumulated or illegally dumped. Disposal of some or all such waste must  
12 be identified as an integral part of a site cleanup and closure plan  
13 submitted to the department by the person responsible for the site. No  
14 additional waste may be brought to the site following the department's  
15 approval of the site cleanup and closure plan.

16 (2) Perform temporary projects to remediate soils contaminated by  
17 organic constituents capable of being reduced in concentration by  
18 biodegradation processes or volatilization, or both. Soil to be treated may  
19 be generated on-site or off-site. A project operating plan and a site closure  
20 plan must be submitted to the department as part of the project approval  
21 process.

22 (3) Dispose of demolition waste resulting from demolition of an  
23 entire building or structure if such waste is disposed of at, adjacent to or  
24 near the site where the building or structure was located. Prior to the  
25 department's authorization, written approval for the disposal must be  
26 obtained from the landowner and the local governmental or zoning  
27 authority having jurisdiction over the disposal site. The disposal area must  
28 be covered with a minimum of two feet of soil and seeded, rocked or  
29 paved. The final grades for the disposal site must be compatible with and  
30 not detract from the appearance of adjacent properties. In addition to the  
31 factors listed in subsection (b), the secretary shall consider the following  
32 when evaluating requests for off-site disposal of demolition waste:

33 (A) Public safety concerns associated with the building or structure  
34 proposed to be demolished.

35 (B) Proposed plans to redevelop the building site which would be  
36 impacted by on-site disposal of debris.

1 (C) The disposal capacity of any nearby permitted landfill.

2 (4) Dispose of solid waste generated as a result of a transportation  
3 accident if such waste is disposed of on property adjacent to or near the  
4 accident site. Prior to the department's authorization, written approval for  
5 the disposal must be obtained from the landowner and the local  
6 governmental or zoning authority having jurisdiction over the disposal  
7 site. A closure plan must be submitted to the department as part of the  
8 authorization process.

9 (5) Dispose of whole unprocessed livestock carcasses on property at,  
10 adjacent or near where the animals died if: (A) Such animals died as a  
11 result of a natural disaster or their presence has created an emergency  
12 situation; and (B) proper procedures are followed to minimize threats to  
13 human health and the environment. Prior to the department's authorization,  
14 written approval for the disposal must be obtained from the landowner and  
15 the local governmental or zoning authority having jurisdiction over the  
16 disposal site.

17 (6) Dispose of solid waste resulting from natural disasters, such as  
18 storms, tornadoes, floods and fires, or other such emergencies, when a  
19 request for disposal is made by the local governmental authority having  
20 jurisdiction over the area. Authorization shall be granted by the department  
21 only when failure to act quickly could jeopardize human health or the  
22 environment. Prior to the department's authorization, written approval for  
23 the disposal must be obtained from the landowner and the local  
24 governmental or zoning authority having jurisdiction over the disposal  
25 site. The local governmental authority must agree to provide proper  
26 closure and postclosure maintenance of the disposal site as a condition of  
27 authorization.

28 (7) Store solid waste resulting from natural disasters, such as storms,  
29 tornadoes, floods and fires, or other such emergencies, at temporary waste  
30 transfer sites, when a request for storage is made by the local  
31 governmental authority having jurisdiction over the area. Authorization  
32 shall be granted by the department only when failure to act quickly could  
33 jeopardize human health or the environment. Prior to the department's  
34 authorization, written approval for the storage must be obtained from the  
35 landowner and the local governmental or zoning authority having  
36 jurisdiction over the storage site. The local governmental authority must  
37 agree to provide proper closure of the storage and transfer site as a  
38 condition of authorization.

39 (8) (A) Dispose of solid waste generated by drilling oil and gas wells  
40 by land-spreading in accordance with best management practices and  
41 maximum loading rates ~~developed~~ *established in rules and regulations*  
42 *adopted* by the secretary ~~and published on the department website.~~

43 (B) For any area that annually receives more than 25 inches of

1 precipitation, as determined by the department, any solid waste disposed  
2 of by land-spreading shall be incorporated into the soil. No land-spreading  
3 shall occur on any area where the water table is less than 10 feet or on any  
4 area where there is documented groundwater contamination as determined  
5 by the department.

6 (C) (i) Each separate land-spreading location shall require submission  
7 of an application to land-spread drilling waste, complete with all  
8 information required on the application form developed by the secretary.  
9 The contents of the application form shall include, but are not limited to,  
10 the land-spreading location, soil characteristics, waste characteristics,  
11 waste volumes, drilling mud additives, land-spreading method and post-  
12 land-spreading report. A separate land-spreading application and a post-  
13 land-spreading report shall be submitted for each location.

14 (ii) For the purposes of protecting the health, safety and property of  
15 the people of the state, and preventing surface and subsurface water  
16 pollution and soil pollution detrimental to public health or to the plant,  
17 animal and aquatic life of the state, a land-spreading application may not  
18 be approved for the same location unless a minimum of three years has  
19 passed since the previous land spreading occurred.

20 (iii) A fee of \$250 shall be paid to the state corporation commission  
21 with each drilling waste land-spreading application. The fee shall be  
22 remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4215, and  
23 amendments thereto, to be credited to the conservation fee fund.

24 (D) The secretary and the state corporation commission shall enter  
25 into a memorandum of agreement for the purposes of:

26 (i) Administering the land-spreading application and approval  
27 process;

28 (ii) monitoring compliance; and

29 (iii) establishing mechanisms for enforcement and remedial actions.

30 (E) ***The seller of any property where land-spreading has occurred***  
31 ***pursuant to this paragraph shall disclose such land-spreading and the***  
32 ***date thereof to any potential purchaser of such property.***

33 (F) On or before January 1, 2014, the secretary, in coordination with  
34 the state corporation commission, shall adopt rules and regulations  
35 governing land-spreading of waste generated by drilling oil and gas wells.  
36 In developing such rules and regulations, the secretary and the state  
37 corporation commission shall seek advice and comments from  
38 groundwater management districts and other groups or persons  
39 knowledgeable and experienced in areas related to this paragraph.

40 ~~(F) On or before January 30, 2013 and 2014, the state corporation~~  
41 ~~commission shall present a report to the senate standing committees on~~  
42 ~~natural resources and ways and means and to the house standing~~  
43 ~~committees on agriculture and natural resources and appropriations. Such~~

1 ~~report shall include, but not be limited to, information concerning the~~  
2 ~~implementation and status of land-spreading procedures and the costs~~  
3 ~~associated with the regulation of land-spreading pursuant to this~~  
4 ~~paragraph.~~

5 ~~(G) The provisions of this paragraph shall expire on July 1, 2015.~~

6 ***(G) On or before January 30 of each year, the state corporation***  
7 ***commission shall present a report to the senate standing committees on***  
8 ***natural resources and ways and means and to the house standing***  
9 ***committees on agriculture and natural resources and appropriations.***  
10 ***Such report shall include, but not be limited to, information concerning***  
11 ***the implementation and status of land-spreading procedures and the***  
12 ***costs associated with the regulation of land-spreading pursuant to this***  
13 ***paragraph.***

14 (b) The secretary shall consider the following factors when  
15 determining eligibility for an exemption to the solid waste permitting  
16 requirements under this section:

17 (1) Potential impacts to human health and the environment.

18 (2) Urgency to perform necessary work.

19 (3) Costs and impacts of alternative waste handling methods.

20 (4) Local land use restrictions.

21 (5) Financial resources of responsible parties.

22 (6) Technical feasibility of proposed project.

23 (7) Technical capabilities of persons performing proposed work.

24 (c) The secretary may seek counsel from local government officials  
25 prior to exempting activities from solid waste permitting requirements  
26 under this section.

27 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 65-3407c is hereby repealed.

28 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
29 publication in the statute book.