

455B.484 Duties of the department.

The department shall:

1. Recommend to the commission the adoption of rules necessary to implement this part.
2. Seek, receive, and accept funds in the form of appropriations, grants, awards, wills, bequests, endowments, and gifts for deposit into the waste management assistance trust fund to be used for programs relating to the duties of the department under this part.
3. Administer and coordinate the waste management assistance trust fund created under this part.
4. Enter into contracts and agreements, with the approval of the commission for contracts in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars, with local units of government, other state agencies, governments of other states, governmental agencies of the United States, other public and private contractors, and other persons as may be necessary or beneficial in carrying out its duties under this part.
5. Represent the state in all matters pertaining to plans, procedures, negotiations, and agreements for interstate compacts or public-private compacts relating to the ownership, operation, management, or funding of a facility. Any agreement is subject to the approval of the commission.
6. Review, propose, and recommend legislation relating to the proper and safe management of waste.
7. Establish a central repository and information clearinghouse within the state for the collection and dissemination of data and information pertaining to the proper and safe management of waste.
8. Develop, sponsor, and assist in the implementation of public education and information programs on proper and safe management of waste in cooperation with other public and private agencies as deemed appropriate.
9. Include in the annual report to the governor and the general assembly required by section 455A.4, subsection 1, paragraph "d", information outlining the activities of the department in carrying out programs and responsibilities under this part, and identifying trends and developments in the management of waste. The report shall also include specific recommendations for attaining the goals for waste minimization and capacity assurance requirements.
10. Solicit proposals from public and private agencies to conduct hazardous waste research, and to develop and implement storage, treatment, and other hazardous waste management practices including but not limited to source reduction, recycling, compaction, incineration, fuel recovery, and other alternatives to land disposal of hazardous waste. In the acceptance of a proposal, preference shall be given to Iowa agencies pursuant to chapter 73.
11. Develop and implement programs, in cooperation with the small business assistance center at the university of northern Iowa, which result in widespread adoption of waste minimization programs by hazardous waste generators. The department shall conduct educational and informational programs. The small business assistance center shall provide direct waste minimization technical assistance to small quantity hazardous waste generators. These programs may include, but are not limited to, source reduction, recycling, fuel recovery, incineration, compaction, and other alternatives to land disposal. The preference for program development and implementation shall be for programs which result in the generation of less waste, followed by a preference for programs which reuse the waste generated in a beneficial manner.

Footnotes

Iowa waste reduction center; see also § 268.4