

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Garage Fuel and Waste Management

Purpose and History

Created in FY 1995, the purpose of this appropriation is to pay for the costs of managing the disposal of hazardous waste created from the day-to-day operations of the Department of Transportation (DOT) field facility operations throughout the state. Activities such as vehicle fleet maintenance, road sign and road marking painting, street sweeping, and end-of-life vehicle parts all create hazardous waste. The DOT uses one of several private sector hazardous waste disposal contractors depending on the type of waste created. A few examples of the activities and the resultant hazardous waste generated include the following:

- Cleaning and testing equipment generates used N-propyl bromide;
- Washing equipment parts generates a used solvents disposal need;
- De-icing roadways creates salt brine waste;
- Cleaning of crack sealing and oiling equipment generates a used emulsion oil and diesel fuel mixture;
- Used motor oil generated by the routine maintenance on vehicles statewide creates a need for disposal; and
- Collection of shredded tires from roadways creates a need for disposal.

State Funding

The DOT receives an ongoing appropriation from the Primary Road Fund (PRF) for disposal of hazardous waste generated at facilities statewide. The annual amount requested by the DOT has been status quo for over a decade. The DOT has at times found it necessary to delay disposal of waste materials near the end of a fiscal year due to funding, project readiness, and prioritization.

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More Information

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