



FUTURE OF WASTE DESIGNATION IN MINNESOTA

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What Does *Oneida* Mean for Minnesota?

- Some Publicly-Owned and Operated Facilities Looking At Reestablishing or Doing New Designation Ordinances
- Designation Statute is Very Complex and Requires Careful Analysis Before Action
- Every Situation is Different; There is No “One-Size Fits All” Approach

What Does *Oneida* Mean for Minnesota?

- Increases the Potential for More Public Ownership of Facilities in Future
- Key Question is State's Commitment to Resource Recovery; Along with Better Definition of the Role of Local Governments

Designation Compared to Other Tools

- Controversial; But Most Effective
- Full Costs Apparent to Consumers; as Opposed to Subsidized Tip Fee
- Hauler Collected Service Charges Present Administrative Issues
- Government Doesn't Need to Consider Getting Into Collection Market
- Fair; Haulers All Pay the Same Disposal Rate; Compete on Collection

Issues for Local Governments

- Right Now, Designation is Only for Counties and Solid Waste Districts (Of Which None Exist); Not Cities
- Designation Statute Should be Reexamined
- More Public Ownership Will Be Needed

My View

- Mitigation of Global Warming Impacts Should be the Key Policy Driver
- After Reduction and Recycling of Waste; Recover Resources from Waste to Minimize Carbon and Methane Emissions
- Do in the Most Efficient Manner and Minimize Transportation of Waste

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