

## **NSWMA against proposed financial responsibility rules**

April 8 -- A trade group representing private solid waste management companies is coming out against proposed rules that would require them to acquire additional financial responsibility under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act also known as Superfund.

Companies that currently operate municipal solid waste and hazardous waste facilities are already covered by financial assurance requirements in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act that governs those areas, according to the National Solid Wastes Management Association.

"The U.S. EPA should not unnecessarily burden the solid waste industry with these additional financial responsibilities. Rules already in place under RCRA require financial assurance, and the intent of Subtitle D criteria is to prevent these situations. Also, our industry no longer manages CERCLA wastes that these proposed rules are intended to cover," said Bruce J. Parker, president and CEO of NSWMA.

"Our industry has a tradition of supporting reasonable regulation; unfortunately, these proposed rules seem to be a solution searching for a problem," Parker said.

RCRA regulated facilities "have little in common" with Superfund sites, the NSWMA said.

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