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Draft Amendments to this Act:

-  [National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Bill, 2015](#) (13 October 2015)


-  [National Environmental Management Laws Third Amendment Draft Bill, 2013](#)
-  [National Environmental Management: Waste Amendment Bill, 2013](#) ( [explanatory summary](#))

Regulations and Notices issued under this Act:

List of waste management activities that have, or are likely to have, a detrimental effect on the environment:

-  [List of waste management activities that have, or are likely to have, a detrimental effect on the environment](#) (29 November 2013)
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 -  [Amendment to the list of waste management activities](#) (24 July 2015)

Residue stockpiles and residue deposits:

-  [Regulations regarding the planning and management of residue stockpiles and residue deposits from a prospecting, mining, exploration or production operation](#) (24 July 2015)

Waste classification and management:


-  [Waste Classification and Management Regulations in Government Notice No.634 of Government Gazette No.36784 of 23 August 2013](#)

National Waste Management Strategies:

-  [National Waste Management Strategy, adopted in November 2011](#)

Contaminated Land:

-  [Framework for the Management of Contaminated Land, May 2010](#)

-  [Commencement of sections 35-41 of the Act \(GN R 26 in GG 37547 of 11 April 2014\)](#)

National Policies:

-  [The National Policy on Thermal Treatment of General and Hazardous Waste in Government Notice No. 777 of Government Gazette No. 32439 of 24 July 2009](#)
-  [The National Policy for the Provision of Basic Refuse Removal Services for Indigent Households in Government Notice No. 413 of Government Gazette No. 34385 of 22 June 2011](#)
-  [National Policy on Thermal Treatment of General and Hazardous Waste](#)

National norms and standards:

-  [National standards for the scraping or recovery of motor vehicles in Government Notice No. 925 Government Gazette No. 37087 of 29 November 2013](#)
-  [National standards for the extraction, flaring or recovery of landfill gas in Government Notice No. 924 Government Gazette No. 37086 of 29 November 2013](#)
-  [National norms and standards for the storage of waste in Government Notice No. 926 Government Gazette No. 37088 of 29 November 2013](#)
-  [National Norms and Standards for the Disposal of Waste to Landfill in Government Notice No.636 of Government Gazette No.36784 of 23 August 2013](#)
-  [National Norms and Standards for the Assessment of Waste for Landfill Disposal in Government Notice No.635 of Government Gazette No.36784 of 23 August 2013](#)
-  [Norms and standards for the remediation of contaminated land and soil quality \(GN R 331 in GG 37603 of 2 May 2014\)](#)

National domestic waste collection services:

- [!\[\]\(effbd7993c63c039a58fd3395789cf3f_img.jpg\) The National Domestic Waste Collection Services in Government Notice No. 21 of Government Gazette No. 33935 of 21 January 2011](#)

Municipal waste sector plan:

- [!\[\]\(13b6bdd0ca077c333d50231f1443cb1d_img.jpg\) Municipal Waste Sector Plan in Government Notice No. 270 of Government Gazette No. 35206 of 30 March 2012.](#)

Waste information:

- [!\[\]\(cdf2842d82858164c68c92720a337fb9_img.jpg\) National Waste Information Regulations in Government Notice No. 625 of Government Gazette No. 35583 of 13 August 2012.](#)

Waste tyre management plan:

- [!\[\]\(7a8011739ec4e250e2f89a547d75fb0a_img.jpg\) REDISA Waste Tyre Management Plan in Government Notice No. 988 of Government Gazette No. 35927 of 30 November 2012.](#)

Fee Structures:

- [!\[\]\(8d139a66f540002704b5c70b7fe6cc7a_img.jpg\) Fee structure for consideration and processing of applications for waste management licences, transfer and renewal thereof \(GNR 142 in GG 37383 of 28 February 2014\)
– \[!\\[\\]\\(c209541a4bc5f45e44bd7791f9477320_img.jpg\\) Amendments\]\(#\) \(GN R44 in GG 38417 of 23 January 2015\)](#)

Draft Regulations and Notices issued under this Act:

- [!\[\]\(9bfa69b6b0f097b09744337d04f22d78_img.jpg\) National Norms and Standards for the Remediation of Contaminated Land and Soil Quality \(GNR 467 in GG 36447 of 10 May 2013\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(7d26c345cabf494d35782f002b741ce9_img.jpg\) Draft national norms and standards for organic waste composting \(GNR 68 in GG 37300 of 7 February 2014\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(40fb90293499d45782783c449b0d92d0_img.jpg\) Proposed amendments to the fees for the consideration and processing of waste management licenses, transfer and renewal thereof](#) (GN R976, GG 38196 of 10 November 2014)
– comments due on or before 10 December 2014

- [!\[\]\(83eb2aa26b610eb6a9dca7cf4702d681_img.jpg\) Proposed Regulations Regarding the Planning and Management of Residue Stockpiles and Residue Deposits from a Prospecting, Mining, Exploration or Production Operation \(GN R1005 in GG 38209 of 14 November 2014\) – comments due on 15 December 2014\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(94dfacbf937cdd7da4837a6fcd8fc785_img.jpg\) Draft National Pricing Strategy for Waste Management Charges \(Notice 84 in GG 38438 of 2 February 2015\) \(comments due on 2 April 2015\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(dae8c3c5fa7c80febd6526a5e8a853bf_img.jpg\) Amendment to the list of water management activities that have, or are likely to have a detrimental effect on the environment \(comments due on 13 March 2015\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(8f38ab9775d1331a4e1fd6648d0a83f1_img.jpg\) Notice of intention to require the paper and packaging industry, electrical and electronic industry and lighting industry to prepare and submit to the Minister Industry Waste Management Plans for Approval \(24 July 2015\)](#)
- [!\[\]\(5e48b3241d711ef916255d822ab3415f_img.jpg\) Draft Regulations for Admission of Guilt Fines \(24 July 2015\)](#)

Documents published in the 1998 Waste Management Series, produced by the then Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, which are still applicable:

- [!\[\]\(2824aab9645d9fab95bae27ff6828dab_img.jpg\) Minimum Requirements for the Handling, Classification and Disposal of Hazardous Waste](#)
- [!\[\]\(0fbf3ad74a6c8dc44ba9ea17fc2aca5e_img.jpg\) Minimum Requirements for Waste Disposal by Landfill](#)
- [!\[\]\(c42d0234b47eca423823087b9f2f5716_img.jpg\) Minimum Requirements for Water Monitoring at Waste Management Facilities](#)

Delegations issued under this Act:

In terms of section 79 of the Waste Act, MECs may delegate any of their powers to officials within their departments. The CER has submitted PAIA request for delegations to the relevant provincial authorities.

To date, we have received the following delegation information:

KwaZulu-Natal Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Rural Development:

- [Delegation by the MEC, Lydia Johnson, to the Head of Department, Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Rural Development, Dr SS Mkhize \(13 April 2010\) and the further delegation by the HoD to the Manager: Environmental Management Planning and Coordination and Managers and Deputy Managers: Environmental Services in the North and South Regions \(29 May 2010\).](#)

Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning:

- [Delegation by the MEC, Anton Bredell, to the Acting Head of Department, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning \(29 November 2010\).](#)

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