

65-3415a. Solid waste management fund. (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury the solid waste management fund.

(b) The secretary shall remit to the state treasurer, in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto, all moneys collected or received by the secretary from the following sources:

- (1) Solid waste tonnage fees imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 65-3415b, and amendments thereto;
- (2) application and annual fees provided for by K.S.A. 65-3407, and amendments thereto;
- (3) gifts, grants, reimbursements or appropriations intended to be used for the purposes of the fund, but excluding federal grants and cooperative agreements; and
- (4) any other moneys provided by law.

Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit in the state treasury any amount remitted pursuant to this subsection to the credit of the solid waste management fund.

(c) Moneys in the solid waste management fund shall be expended for the following purposes:

(1) Grants to counties or groups of counties or designated city or cities pursuant to K.S.A. 65-3415, and amendments thereto;

(2) monitoring and investigating solid waste management plans of counties and groups of counties;

(3) payment of extraordinary costs related to monitoring permitted solid waste processing facilities and disposal areas, both during operation and after closure;

(4) payment of costs of postclosure cleanup of permitted solid waste disposal areas which, as a result of a postclosure occurrence, pose a substantial hazard to public health or safety or to the environment;

(5) emergency payment for costs of cleanup of solid waste disposal areas which were closed before the effective date of this act and which pose a substantial risk to the public health or safety or to the environment, but the total amount of such emergency payments during a fiscal year shall not exceed an amount equal to 50% of all amounts credited to the fund during the preceding fiscal year;

(6) payment for emergency action by the secretary as necessary or appropriate to assure that the public health or safety is not threatened whenever there is a release from a solid waste processing facility or a solid waste disposal area;

(7) payment for corrective action by the secretary at an active or closed solid waste processing facility or a solid waste disposal area where solid waste management activity has resulted in an actual or potential threat to human health or the environment, if the owner or operator has not been identified or is unable or unwilling to perform corrective action;

(8) payment of the administrative, technical and legal costs incurred by the secretary in carrying out the provisions of K.S.A. 65-3401 through 65-3423, and amendments thereto, including the cost of any additional employees or increased general operating costs of the department attributable therefor;

(9) development of educational materials and programs for informing the public about solid waste issues;

(10) direct payments to reimburse counties or cities for household, farmer or exempt small quantity generator hazardous wastes generated from persons not served by existing household hazardous waste programs or direct payment of contractors for the disposal costs of such wastes;

(11) payment of costs associated with the solid waste grants advisory board pursuant to K.S.A. 65-3426, and amendments thereto;

(12) with the consent of the city or county, payment for the removal and disposal or on-site stabilization of solid waste which has been illegally dumped when the responsible party is unknown, unwilling or unable to perform the necessary corrective action, provided that: (A) Moneys in the fund shall be used to pay only 75% of the costs of such corrective action and the city or county shall pay the remaining 25% of such costs; and (B) not more than \$10,000 per site shall be expended from the fund for such corrective action;

(13) payment of the costs to administer regional or statewide waste collection programs designed to remove hazardous materials and wastes from homes, farms, ranches, institutions and small businesses not generally covered by state or federal hazardous waste laws and rules and regulations; and

(14) payment for the disposal of household hazardous waste generated as a result of community clean-up activities following natural disasters such as floods and tornados.

(d) If the secretary determines that expenditures from the solid waste management fund are necessary to perform authorized corrective actions related to solid waste management activities, the person or persons responsible for illegal dumping activity or the operation or long-term care of a disposal area whose failure to comply with this act, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, or permit conditions resulted in such determination, shall be responsible for the repayment of those amounts expended. The secretary shall take appropriate action to enforce this provision against any responsible person. If amounts are recovered for payment for corrective action pursuant to subsection (c)(12), 25% of the amount recovered shall be paid to the city or county that shared in the cost of the corrective action. Otherwise, the secretary shall remit any amounts recovered and collected in such action to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the solid waste management fund. Prior to initiating any corrective action activities authorized by this section, the secretary shall give written notice to the person or persons responsible for the waste to be cleaned up and to the property owner that the department will undertake corrective action if the responsible person or persons do not perform the necessary work within a specified time period. The department and its representatives are authorized to enter private property to perform corrective actions if the responsible party fails to perform required clean-up work but no such entry shall be made without the property owner's consent except upon notice and hearing in accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act and a finding that the solid waste creates a public nuisance or adversely affects the public health or the environment.

(e) Expenditures from the solid waste management fund shall be made in accordance with appropriations acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary or a person designated by the secretary.

(f) On or before the 10th of each month, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the solid waste management fund interest earnings based on:

(1) The average daily balance of moneys in the solid waste management fund for the preceding month; and

(2) the net earnings rate of the pooled money investment portfolio for the preceding month.

(g) The solid waste management fund shall be used for the purposes set forth in this act and for no other governmental purposes. It is the intent of the legislature that the fund shall remain intact and inviolate for the purposes set forth in this act, and moneys in the fund shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3722, 75-3725a and 75-3726a, and amendments thereto.

(h) The secretary shall prepare and deliver to the legislature on or before the first day of each regular legislative session, a report which summarizes all expenditures from the solid waste management fund, fund revenues and recommendations regarding the adequacy of the fund to support necessary solid waste management programs.

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