



Department of
**Environment &
Conservation**

Legislative Update: Solid Waste Plans

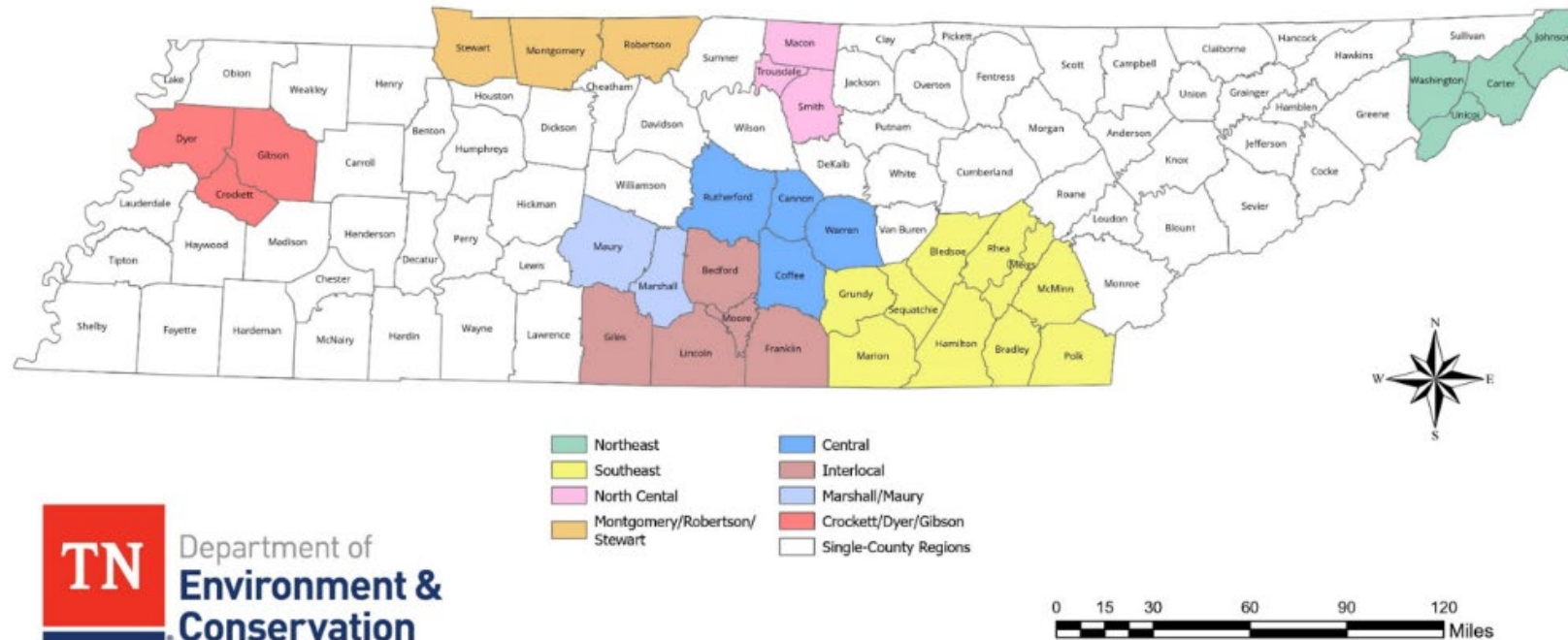
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Reminder: Solid Waste Management Plans

- **T.C.A. 68-211-603** requires TDEC to develop a **statewide solid waste management plan** (State Plan)
- **T.C.A. 68-211-813** requires each solid waste planning region to develop its own **regional solid waste management plan** (Regional Plan)
- **T.C.A. 68-211-815** requires that each Regional Plan be:
 - Consistent with **T.C.A. Title 68, Chapter 211, Part 8**
 - Consistent with the **statewide solid waste management plan (State Plan)**
 - Consistent with **all applicable laws and regulations promulgated by TDEC**

Solid Waste Planning Regions

Municipal Solid Waste Planning Regions



PC 814: Regional Solid Waste Planning

- **Sponsors**

- Todd
- Reeves

- **Amends solid waste regional planning process**

- **Plans:**

- resubmitted to TDEC at least once every 10 years

- **TDEC's Role:**

- Reviews plans for completeness and compliance
- Approve or disapprove plans

- **By Dec. 31, 2027:**

- Promulgate rules
- Plan evaluation criteria

- **By July 1, 2028:**

- New/Revised plans due to TDEC

Updated Timeline*

New Timeline

- **November 2026:** TDEC publishes the State Plan
- **January 2027:** Regional Planning Grants open
- **April 2027:** Grant contracts with counties executed
- **June 2027:** New rules published ⓘ Prior to this date, TDEC will engage the regions on the draft rules, including holding a public hearing and public comment period to receive feedback
- **July 1, 2028:** Regions submit their Regional Plans to TDEC

**The timeline is subject to change as work on the State Plan, rulemaking, and regional planning process continues.*

TDEC will communicate any timeline changes in advance

Next Steps

- **TDEC will continue updating the State Plan**
- **Continue working on the draft regulations**
- **Initiate meeting with counties and stakeholders to:**
 - Provide updates,
 - Discuss the revised timeline, and
 - Explain the new law and associated regulatory requirements and expectations, including how they will affect the development of Regional Plans.

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