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Solid Waste Planning Region
5 - YR Update

Planning Region: Hancock

Clerk

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1. Write in the name of the person completing this report __________ a "cc" for all letters sent to the chairperson. Christopher Craig

2. (may be attached as a separate list):
   Was a list of board members provided? ✔ Yes ___ No
   If yes, continue to question four and verify the term of each member is current.
   If no, skip question and go directly to question.

3. Was the term of each member current? ✔ Yes ___ No
   Continue to question.

4. See page 14:
   Did the chairperson of the board sign and date the report? ✔ Yes ___ No
   Continue to question.

5. See page 14:
   Did the county executive, (each local Government body) sign and date the report? ✔ Yes ___ No
   Continue to question.

6. Which reviewer was assigned to this report? ✔ Brian ___ Bob ___ Becky
   Continue to question.

7. On what date was the report sent to the reviewer? 1/21/01
   Continue to question.

8. What is the deadline for the review (i.e., 90 working days from received stamp)? 2/21/02
   Attach routing page to the report and give it to the reviewer.

   Note: The letter will be addressed to the chairperson. The cc list will include the County Executive, Development District Director, person who prepared the report, and the CTAS contact. Modify (with date, names, cc, etc.) and print the letter entitled "5YrUpdtWmeng," and give letter to Linda Rigsby for Ron Graham's signature. After letter is signed, Linda copies the letter for the cc list and one for the file. Linda then mails the letters and sends a copy of the letter to Patty to be placed in the permanent file.

Reviewer

Date review is complete 1/31/02 Reviewer's initials MML
Log-in completion date and give working copy of report to Bob. Leave original copy in the permanent file.
## Chapter 1 - Summary

- Less than 10 page summary -
  - evaluate each chapter briefly
  - compare existing systems to needs assessed
  - outline plans for future

- Implementation schedule illustrating current and planned facilities and programs

- Map with facilities & programs where appropriate on a base systems map for each county in the Region

- Flow diagram illustrating the waste stream in the Region

## Chapter 2 - General Information

- Identify the Region by name, and list counties and municipalities that comprise the Region.

- Total population of Region by county; provide source of information and year

- Regional Solid Waste Board Members - name, address, term, etc.

- Has the Region formed a Part 9 Solid Waste Authority? 
  - N/A

- Three contacts for solid waste information
  - N/A

- Activities and workings of the Region’s Solid Waste Board and/or Part 9 Authority Board
  - Board meeting schedule
  - Involvement with concerned entities in planning decisions
  - Process for addressing public
  - Permit review

- Region’s rationale for formation

- Responsibilities of various participating jurisdictions - TCA 68-211-815(b) 14

- Municipalities with door to door collection service - table

- Describe the Region, generally, geographically, and demographically.

- Fee for solid waste services-
  - Legal authority to institute
  - Jurisdiction collects it
  - How collected
  - How much

- Funding for solid waste programs and expenses in the Region
  - Capital cost considerations
  - Staffing requirements
  - Operating expenses

- New expenses and/or new fees or revenues needed or anticipated

- Designated special revenue or enterprise fund
## Proposed 10-year solid waste budget

### Contacts in the Region for information regarding solid waste budgets

### Chapter 3 - Waste Stream

Tons of solid waste were generated within the Region and disposed of in Class I landfills or incinerators located in or out of the Region. (Include breakdown of tonnages and sources of information)

Percentages in the following categories:
- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Institutional (school, hospital, prison)
- Other (including special)  
  The total should equal 100%.

*(Compare this to estimates from original 10-year plan and comment)*

Estimate the percentage of the tons reported in #1 above using these categories:
- Yard waste
- Construction/Demolition waste (Class IV)
- Tires
- Recyclables
- White goods
- Regular Municipal Solid Waste  
  The total should equal 100%.

*(Compare this to estimates from original 10-year plan and comment)*

Total Generated waste:
- source reduction (especially industrial practices);
- recycling (include composting);
- diversion (to Class III/IV landfills); and
- unmanaged waste (burned in backyards, illegal dumps, ditches)
- disposed

*(Compare this to estimates from original 10-year plan and comment)*

### Proportional Flow Diagram - Discuss your reasons for making the estimates in all four cases above.

### Demographic trends that may affect waste disposal and generation figures in the region

### Economic condition of the Region employers unemployment rate - *How does/might this affect the waste stream?*

### Top five contributors to the overall waste stream generated - name, phone, waste types, tons disposed - *Likelihood that this trend will continue?*

### Clean up and litter prevention programs - describe the program, contacts

### Do programs target prevalent waste streams?

### Each county, city, or Part 9 Authority In the Region.
- current reduction or diversion programs sponsored by each and the success level
- proposed programs and discuss
- ten year trends and needs
- how the jurisdictions work together
- education programs (commercial and industrial sectors)

### Chapter 4 - Collection & Transportation
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<td>Plans to meet indicated needs</td>
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<td>Chapter 5 - Recycling</td>
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<td>Recycling or waste reduction coordinator - name, title, phone, address</td>
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<td>Waste reduction programs</td>
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<td>- Program Name, Contact, Phone Number, Address</td>
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<td>- Program Description (Items accepted, curbside, drop-off, not-for-profit, etc., public or private operated, open to all or to a limited group)</td>
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<td>- Cooperation of jurisdictions in the Region on marketing efforts</td>
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<td>- Future plans for additional recycling, reduction, or end-use programs (How plan to address setbacks in reduction efforts and marketing failures)</td>
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<td>List and describe recycling collection site(s) - Name, Contact, Phone Number, Address, etc</td>
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<td>Chapter 6 - Disposal</td>
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<td>Please list all the landfills, transfer stations, Municipal Solid Waste incinerators, Landfill Gas to Energy facilities, and Waste to Energy facilities in the Region.</td>
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<td>- Transfer from where to where?</td>
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Evaluate disposal needs
- Is efficient disposal assured at a reasonable price for the ten year planning horizon?
- What changes in the disposal system are being contemplated?
- What changes should be contemplated with consideration to anticipated growth and disposal demands?

Planned capacity assurance - *life expectancy addressed?*

Enterprise fund for Class I landfills or incinerators

**Chapter 7 - Problem Wastes**

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<td>Permanent household hazardous waste collection center?</td>
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<td>Plans for disposal of HHW especially if not using state program</td>
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<td>Waste tire - site(s) available</td>
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<td>What happens to waste tires in the Region once they are collected</td>
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<td>Problem with waste tire dumping?</td>
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<td>How are problems being addressed and what are future plans to eliminate problem?</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>Lead acid battery, oil and auto fluid collection</td>
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<td>Plans to expand?</td>
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<td>Persons or organizations with active efforts to educate the public</td>
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<td>Outstanding needs in the area of public solid waste education</td>
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<td>What progress has been made and what is planned?</td>
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<td>Has the county or its Region filed an education action plan and made use of the Division of Community Assistance's Pathways to Education book?</td>
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**Chapter 10 - Five-Year Plan Update Review**

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<td>Public hearing details &amp; comments</td>
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<td>Resolution from every county in the Region approving the Five-Year Plan update.</td>
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Region: [Handwritten] Region 34
Date: 12.15.01
(a) Each plan and revised plan submitted by a municipal solid waste region pursuant to this part shall be consistent with the state solid waste plan, with the provisions of this part, with all other applicable provisions of law and with any regulation promulgated by the department.

(b) At a minimum, each plan and revised plan submitted by a municipal solid waste region shall include the following:

1. **Demographic Information**;
2. **A current system analysis of**:
   - (A) Waste streams, including data concerning types and amounts generated;
   - (B) Collection capability, including data detailing the different types of collection systems and the populations and areas which receive and do not receive such services;
   - (C) Disposal capability, including an analysis of the remaining life expectancy of landfills or other disposal facilities;
   - (D) Costs, using a full-cost accounting model developed by the commissioner, including costs of collection, disposal, maintenance, contracts and other costs; and
   - (E) Revenues, including cost reimbursement fees, appropriations and other revenue sources;
3. **Adoption of the uniform financial accounting system required by § 68-211-874**;
4. **Anticipated growth trends for the next ten-year period**;
5. **Anticipated waste capacity needs**;
6. **Planned capacity assurance, including descriptions of planned or needed facilities**;
7. **A recycling plan**, including a description of current public and private recycling efforts and planned efforts to enhance recycling within the county or region;
8. **A plan for the disposal of household hazardous wastes**;
9. **Adoption of uniform reporting requirements as required by this part**;
10. **A description of waste reduction activities** designed to attain the twenty-five percent (25%) reduction required by § 68-211-861;
11. **A description of education initiatives** aimed at businesses, industries, schools, citizens and others, which addresses recycling, waste reduction, collection and other goals of this part;
12. **An evaluation of multi-county solid waste disposal region options** with an explanation of the reasons for adopting or failing to adopt a multi-county regional approach;
13. **A timetable for implementation of the plan**;
14. **A description of the responsibilities of the various participating jurisdictions**;
15. **A certification** from the region's part 9 solid waste authority, if such an authority has been formed, or if no such authority has been formed, the county legislative body of each county in the region that they have reviewed and approved of the region's plan and/or revised plan, and
16. **Any other information as the commissioner may deem relevant to the implementation of this part**.

December 27, 2001

Ms. Sandra Columber, Chairman
Hancock Co. Municipal SW Planning Region 34
P. O. Box 324
Sneedville, Tennessee 378690

Dear Ms. Columber,

Thank you for your submission of the Hancock County Municipal SW Planning Region County Five-year Update. I have reviewed this document and have noted some items that require submission of additional information before the Division can accept the Update. Please submit the information as quickly and accurately as possible to ensure prompt processing of your document. Guidance for completion is addressed in the following paragraphs.

Chapter 2, Between Section 7 and 8: Please describe the responsibilities of the various participating jurisdictions (TCA 68-211-815(b) 14).

Information should be submitted to this office by 27 March 2002. If you have further questions, please contact me at 615-532-8004.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Brian Canada
Waste Reduction Section
November 21, 2001

Ms. Sandra Columber, Chairperson
Hancock County Municipal SW Planning Region
P. O. Box 324
Sneedville, TN 37869

RE: Five-year Update to Ten-year Solid Waste Plan
Hancock County Municipal SW Planning Region

Dear Ms. Columber:

Thank you for your submission of the Hancock County Municipal SW Planning Region County Five-year Update to Ten-year Solid Waste Plan. We received your plan on November 21, 2001. Division staff will complete the review within the next 90 days as required by The Solid Waste Act of 1991.

If you need additional information or have further questions, please contact me at 615-532-0744.

Sincerely,

Becky Gorham

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cc  The Honorable Michael Harrison, Hancock County Executive
    Ms. Lindy Turner, Clinch-Powell RC & D Council
    Mr. Chris Craig, (SWM), First TN Development District
    Ms. Chris Garkovich, CTAS, SW Management Consultant
    Ms. Jan Bowers, EC, Johnson City Environmental Assistance Center
November 16, 2001

Brian Canada
Division of Community Assistance
8th Floor, L&C Tower
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243-1533

Dear Mr. Canada,

Enclosed is the original and 2 copies of the Hancock County Solid Waste Planning Region's 5 Year Update. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

Christopher L. Craig
Director of Environmental Programs
Hancock County Solid Waste Planning Region
REGION NAME

To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing information is accurate as of the date of submission of this report:

Sandra Columber
Typed Name of Chairman of the Solid Waste Planning Region

Signature of the Chairman of the Solid Waste Planning Region

11-16-01
Date

To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing information is accurate as of the date of submission of this report:

Michael T. Harrison
Typed Name of the County Executive(s)

Signature of the County Executive(s)

11-15-2007
Date
From: Rebecca P. Gorham  
To: Graham, Ron  
Date: 10/24/01 9:00AM  
Subject: Re: Hancock County  

Recent historical record for Hancock relating to reporting is as follows:

1999 Annual Progress Report  
Due March 31, 2000  
Commissioner's warning letter for non-submital sent June 5, 2000  
Report received January 29, 2001  
This report was never accepted as complete due to the fact that some information could not be retrieved  
after so long a time because records had not been kept.  

2000 Annual Progress Report  
Due March 31, 2001  
Commissioner's warning letter for non-submital sent April 20, 2001  
Report received July 9, 2001  
Report accepted as complete September 7, 2001 after exchange of correspondence.  

5-yr Update to 10-yr Solid Waste Plan  
Revised plan was due October 21, 2001. It has not been received at the time of this e-mail.  

Commissioner's warning letter will be drafted approximately 2 weeks after due date.

>>> Joyce Dunlap 10/24/01 07:32AM >>>
Ron is going to meet with the Commissioner and wants to give him a summary of our experience with  
Hancock County. Hancock County is planning to ask for assistance to build the 4 convenience centers  
Jan Bowers told us about. At this point, everyone feels that Hancock is a poor little ole county trying to do  
the right thing, but of course, we know a different Hancock.  

Please email directly to Ron a summary of our experience with them for grants and planning/reporting  
activities.  

Thanks, J.  

CC: Bordenave, Louis; Dunlap, Joyce; McDowell, Ann
July 20, 2001

Ms. Sandra Columber
Chairperson, Hancock County Municipal Solid Waste Planning Region
P. O. Box 324
Sneedville, Tennessee 37869

RE: Five-year Update to Ten-year Solid Waste Plan
Hancock County Solid Waste Region
Region Member: Hancock
Update Due — October 21, 2001

Dear Ms. Columber:

As you are aware, the Solid Waste Management Act of 1991 requires the Solid Waste Regions to plan, monitor, and report on solid waste activities. One of the requirements of this legislation was for each region to prepare a Ten-year Solid Waste Management Plan. The legislation also requires that Five-year updates to those plans be prepared and submitted to the state for review. The Hancock County Region’s Ten-year plan was approved on October 21, 1996; therefore, your Five-year Update is due to this office by October 21, 2001. Please note that the Update is expected to consider the next Ten-year planning horizon, and will become your current Ten-year Plan upon approval by this office.

Also required by the Solid Waste Act is submittal of a Needs Assessment report for all of the counties within each Development District. The initial Assessment was due by September 30, 1992; with revisions due by April 1, 1999 and every five years after that. The Solid Waste Needs Assessment for the counties and municipalities within your region was received on April 4, 1999. Please contact Mr. Chris Craig with the First Tennessee Development District to determine the status of your Region’s Needs Assessment report. The Needs Assessment will provide much of the information necessary for the preparation of the Five-year Update to your Ten-year Plan.

The Five-year update to your Ten-year Solid Waste Management Plan is an important tool for your Region. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 615-532-0744.

Sincerely,

Becky Gorham
Planning, Reporting and Waste Reduction

C: The Honorable Michael Harrison, Hancock County Executive
Mr. Chris Craig, First Tennessee Development District
Ms. Lindy Turner, Clinch-Powell RC & D Council
Ms. Chris Garkovich, Solid Waste Management Consultant
Ms. Janice Bowers, Environmental Coordinator, Johnson City Environmental Assistance Center
January 3, 2002

Ms. Sandra Columber, Chairman
Hancock County Municipal Solid Waste Planning Region
PO Box 324
Sneedville, TN 37869

Dear Ms. Columber:

You were sent a letter from our office on December 27, 2001, asking for additional information relative to the Five-Year Update to the region's solid waste plan. Upon re-review of the original update report, submitted on November 16, 2001 by Mr. Chris Craig, we have determined that the information contained in that report is sufficient and that your Five-Year Update is now approved.

This revised plan is intended to serve as a guide for the region's solid waste reduction activities during the upcoming ten-year period. Tennessee Code Annotated §68-211-815 requires that it be consistent with the state solid waste plan, with the provisions of this part, with all other applicable provisions of law and, with any regulation promulgated by the department. Any changes or updates in this plan must be identified and reported in the region's Annual Progress Report and the next Five-Year Update.

If you have comments or need our assistance, please contact me at the Division of Community Assistance, Bob.Knight@state.tn.us or telephone (615) 532-0082.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Robert G. Knight
Planning, Reporting, and Waste Reduction

Copy: The Honorable Michael Harrison, Hancock County Executive
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Mr. Christopher Craig, Solid Waste Manager, First TN Dev. Dist.
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Christopher L. Craig  
Director of Environmental Programs
Guidelines for Preparation of Five-Year Updates to Municipal Solid Waste Regional Plans

June 1999

As Required by:

The Solid Waste Management Act of 1991
T.C.A. 68-211-813 ©, 68-211-814 (a), and 68-211-815

HANCOCK COUNTY

State of Tennessee
Department of Environment and Conservation
Division of Community Assistance
Ron Graham, Director
8th Floor, L&C Tower
Nashville, TN 37243
615-532-0445
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Chapter 10 Five-Year Plan Update Review and Approval (Public Hearing, Planning Commission Review, Local Government Review And Approval)
Chapter 1: Summary

The Hancock County Solid Waste Planning Region is a single county region located in northeast Tennessee. It consists of Hancock County and one incorporated city, the City of Sneedville. The Region encompasses 222.3 square miles of rural and sometimes rugged mountainous terrain. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the 2000 population of Hancock County was 6,786 most of which are over the age of 25. Hancock County elected to plan as a single county region due to its complex topography and geology as well as a lack of interest from neighboring counties to form a multi-county region with Hancock County.

The Regional Solid Waste Planning board consists of members from the City of Sneedville and Hancock County. The total number of Board members is 5. The Region's method of providing solid waste collection is unique but is compatible with the resources available within the County's budget. Although Hancock County does not have a permitted convenience center open at this time, the County does provide a drop-off solid waste collection site for county residents in cooperation with a local industry. Currently, County officials in the beginning stages of designing a network of drop-off sites. Recyclables are collected at the site proposed for the County's convenience center. The County participates in the State's tire recycling program and has been enrolled in option #3 of the State waste tire grant program. Special waste collection in Hancock County is mainly handled by the private sector. Used oil and batteries are collected at number of automotive repair businesses in Sneedville.

MSW Generated (3,521.62 tons)

- Source Reduction (1%)
- Diversion (0%)
- Landfilled (43.8%)
- Recycling (56%)
- Unmanaged Waste (1%)

Implementation Schedule

January – March 2002
- Design and implement a network of drop-off sites for solid waste.

August 2002
- Explore recycling at county school sites.

August 2003
- Develop a county-wide solid waste education program.
Hancock County

The state line of Virginia forms the northern boundary of Hancock County, which was established in 1844. Sneedsville serves as the county seat. This northeastern Tennessee County was named in honor of John Hancock.

A member of the Continental Congress from Massachusetts, John Hancock presided over the Congress for the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. He was the first signer. His flamboyant signature is well known. Twice governor of Massachusetts, Hancock died in that office in 1793.

Mostly mountainous, Hancock County was formed from lands that previously had been part of Hawkins and Claiborne Counties.
Chapter 2: General Information about the Region

1. Identify the Region by name, and list counties and municipalities that comprise the Region.

Hancock County

2. Total Population of Region (list by county; provide source of information and year)

Hawkins County - 6,786
Source: 2000 U.S. Census

3. Provide a complete list of Regional Solid Waste Board members and their term expiration dates. Top the list by stating how many members are on the board (set by the original Regional formation resolution) and whom they represent. Then include a current list of Regional board members (and any vacant positions), term of office and expiration of each, whether appointed by a county executive or mayor (and name of jurisdiction represented), whether confirmed by a county commission, or city council, and the year confirmed. Identify the chairman.

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| Paul Johnson    | 6 year  | 5/07    | County Exec./County Comm.            | Hancock Co.
| Junior Johnson  | 6 year  | 5/07    | County Exec./County Comm.            | Hancock Co.
| Robert Winstead | 6 year  | 5/04    | County Exec./County Comm.            | Hancock Co.
| Larry Hopkins   | 6 year  | 5/03    | Mayor/City Council                   | Sneedville|

Name of Regional Solid Waste Board Chairman: Sandra Columber
Job Title: Business Owner
Address: P.O. Box 324
Sneedville, TN 37869
Phone Number: 423-733-4783

4. A. Has the Region formed a Part 9 Solid Waste Authority?* If yes, please provide the following information:

No
B. Has the Region dissolved a Part 9 Solid Waste Authority? If yes, please describe.

No
5. Please list three contacts for solid waste information for your Region.

Mike Harrison  
County Executive  
Courthouse, P.O. Box 347  
Sneedville, TN  37869

Sandra Columber  
P.O. Box 324  
Sneedville, TN  37869

Chris Craig  
First Tennessee Development District  
207 North Boone St, Suite 800  
Johnson City, TN  37604

6. Briefly describe the activities and workings of the Region’s Solid Waste Board and/or Part 9 Authority Board if one exists. Describe the Board meeting schedule, involvement with concerned entities in planning decisions, process for addressing public, and timeliness of submittal of Annual Progress Reports and Solid Waste Plans. In addition to planning, does the Board meet its responsibilities with regard to permit review?

The Hancock County Planning Board has met over the past years as needed. Unfortunately, the Board has remained relatively inactive during the past few years. As needed, the Planning Board would meet and address any issues relating to permit review.

7. Describe the Region’s rationale for formation (its decision to be either single or multi-county).

Several factors influenced the Region’s decision to become a single county region. These included population, economic situations, existing solid waste needs, and geographic location.

8. List all municipalities in the Region that have door to door collection service. Include county and municipal population.

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9. Describe the Region, generally, geographically, and demographically.

Hancock County has one of the lowest population in the State. It is a very rural county with much of the land-use designated as farmland. There are approximately 5 industries currently operating in the County. The only incorporated city in the County, Sneedville, has a total population of 1,654 and is located between the mountains along the Kentucky border. Hancock County has one of the lowest per capita income levels in the State with about 34% of the population living at or below the poverty level. A majority of the population is over the age of 25.

10. Does the Region (or Part 9 Authority, city or other jurisdiction within) charge a fee for solid waste services?

(Yes) Hancock County does not charge a fee to the general public for waste disposal, however businesses are charged by the load to utilize the Counties solid waste collection facility. The Town of Sneedville charges residents $9.00 per month for door-to-door collection services inside the City limits.

If yes, please identify each SW fee, when it was instituted and by what legal authority, what jurisdiction collects it, by what means it is collected, how much, and how often.

11. Describe the costs and revenues involved in public funding for solid waste programs and expenses in the Region. Be sure to include capital cost considerations, staffing requirements, and operating expenses. It may be best to go jurisdiction by jurisdiction (cities, counties, Part 9 authorities). Is the current system satisfactory? Are revenues meeting costs? What new expenses and/or fees or revenues are needed or anticipated?

At the present time, the Hancock County solid waste system is funded through tax collections which are appropriated for solid waste collection and disposal. This system works to the satisfaction of county leaders and is currently meeting costs requirements and no new fees are anticipated. Sneedville, the only incorporated city in the County charges residents a monthly fee for door-to-door collection. The fee is based on actual costs to operate such a system and therefore is satisfactory. At this time no new fees or fee increases are anticipated by the City of Sneedville.
12. The Solid Waste Management Act states that each city, county, or Part 9 solid waste authority in the Region shall use uniform financial accounting methods and account for solid waste activities with a named designated special revenue or enterprise fund (for publicly owned landfills or incinerators) [T.C.A. 68-211-874(a)]. Do all the relevant jurisdictions in the Region meet with this requirement?

Yes

13. Include a proposed 10-year solid waste budget for the Region. See Appendix A for instructions and sample budget sheet.

See Attachment #1

14. List the contacts in the Region for information regarding solid waste budget.

   Mike Harrison
   Hancock County Executive
   423-733-4341
Chapter 3: Waste Stream

(Characterization of Total Generated, Disposed Tonnage, 25% Reduction and Diversion Analysis, Description of Reduction and Diversion Programs)

1. For the most recent calendar year, how many tons of solid waste were generated within the Region and disposed of in Class I landfills or incinerators located in or out of the Region? Please “show your work” by providing a breakdown of tonnages and sources of information. Note: Regional annual progress reports ask a similar question and the answers should be consistent.

1,536.62 tons
Source: Browning Ferris Industries, Carter’s Valley Landfill

2. Estimate the percentages of the tons reported in #1 above using the following categories:

- Residential 65%
- Commercial 10%
- Industrial 5%
- Institutional (school, hospital, prison) 15%
- Other (including special) 5%

3. Estimate the percentage of the tons reported in #1 above using these categories:

- Yard Waste 15%
- Construction/Demolition (Class IV) 20%
- Tires 0%
- Recyclables 5%
- White Goods 0%
- Regular MSW 60%

4. To calculate the Total Generated waste stream (for the most recent calendar year), first estimate tons annually reduced or diverted within the Region. Consider

(1) source reduction (especially industrial practices); 5 tons
(2) recycling (include composting); 1,970 tons
(3) diversion (to Class III/IV landfills); 0 tons
(4) unmanaged waste; 10 tons
Then add these four items to tons reported in #1 about (regarding the disposed waste stream). Again, these should be products of the waste stream generated only within the Region (no imports) regardless of whether they are reused or disposed.

3,521.62 tons

Total Generated waste stream for the Region consists of tons estimated in #1 plus the estimates for the four items mentioned above. Estimate each of the four items as a percentage of the total generated waste stream. Remember to calculate using similar units (tons). Make a waste flow diagram illustrating your estimates. Use the Example Proportional Flow Diagram shown in Chapter 1.

1. Source reduction (as a percentage of the Total Generated waste stream for the Region); 0.1%
2. Recycling (as a percentage of the Total Generated waste stream for the Region); 56%
3. Diversion (as a percentage of the Total Generated waste stream for the Region); 0%
4. Unmanaged waste (as a percentage of the Total Generated waste stream for the Region); 0.1%

![Waste Flow Diagram]

Discuss your reasons for making the estimates in all four cases above. Make specific mention of programs or facilities that would account for the estimates.

These estimates are based on results of such recycling programs as waste tires, etc. and general knowledge of the solid waste programs and waste stream of Hancock County.

5. Discuss any recent demographic trends that may affect waste disposal and generation figures in the Region. Are large groups of people moving into or out of the area for any special reason?

There have been no recent significant changes in demographic characteristics that would affect waste disposal rates. As was stated earlier, it is one of the least populated counties in the State and has remained fairly stagnant for the last several years.
6. Discuss the economic condition of the Region. Who are major employers? Is the unemployment rate high or low? What economic factors could affect the content and volume of the waste stream and waste reduction efforts in the Region?

Hancock County is one of the State’s more depressed counties in terms of jobless rate and per capita income. Although a few industries reside in the County, none employ large numbers of people. The major employers are Morrill Motors, Hancock County School System, and Volunteer Fabricators. The current unemployment rate in Hancock County is 5.6%, however this rate changes rapidly due to the low population and the relatively few numbers of people employed. Factors such as plant closings could affect the Region’s waste stream a great deal. Hancock Count is more likely to experience a decrease in the amount of waste generated than an increase due to changing economic conditions.

7. Please list the top five contributors to the overall waste stream generated in the Region AND DISPOSED IN CLASS I LANDFILLS OR INCINERATORS (reported in #1 of this chapter). This list should be an estimate based on local inquiry and landfill records. Bear in mind that often more than one disposal facility (either in or out of the county) serves the Region. The list may include major industries, prisons, colleges, major medical facilities, airports, or other institutions. For urban areas, it may be necessary to list more than five to give a full view of the county situation. Provide the following information on each contributor lost:

**Major Contributors to the Region’s Waste Disposal**

Morrill Motors, Inc.
Plant Manager, 423-733-8889
Light industrial, commercial
2-5 tons

Volunteer Fabricators
Plant Manager, 423-733-2218
Industrial, commercial
2-5 tons

Hancock County School System
School Superintendent
423-733-2591
light commercial
5-10 tons
Cawood Manufacturing
Plant Manager, 423-733-4433
Light industrial
2-5 tons

Cherokee Equine Products
President, 423-733-8227
Light industrial
1-2 tons

8. Do jurisdictions in the Region have clean up and litter prevention programs in place such as litter grant programs? If yes, please describe the program or programs briefly and list the contacts you have with the programs.

The Region has the benefits of a regionally focused Keep America Beautiful program known as Partner’s for Clean Communities. This organization affiliated with the Clinch-Powell Resource Conservation and Development council provides litter prevention, recycling, and waste reduction programs throughout its coverage area of 5 counties including Hancock County. Some of the target audiences of the organization’s activities are mainly school-age children and some adult groups. The contact for this program is the Director of the Clinch-Powell Resource Conservation and Development Council.

9. Legislation passed by the General Assembly in 1999 adds consideration on an “economic growth adjustment formula analysis for reporting solid waste disposal figures and progress toward the 25% waste reduction and diversion goal from year to year. The economic growth formula would include factors like growth rate, employment rates, and taxable transactions in the Region, in addition to population changes.

Does the Region perceive that this option would express progress on the State’s 25% waste reduction goal in a more equitable fashion (a more fair representation of the Region’s actual progress?)

Yes, although Hancock County is not considered a county that has experienced tremendous growth nor is expected to experience significant growth in the coming years. A waste reduction formula based on factors such as economic growth, population, employment rates, and taxable transactions is the most fair and equitable method of determining a region’s progress toward the 25% waste reduction goal.
10. Use of a new base year (1995) and new goal year (2003) to achieve the 25% waste reduction and diversion goal are also in the 1999 legislation. Regions may provide documentation to adjust their 1995 base year figures for progress already made in ongoing reduction programs. Explain how the proposed base year change might affect your Region.

Hancock County received a variance several years ago to use 1995 as the Region's base year. This adjustment was approved by the Division of Community Assistance. Therefore, the County has been functioning under the 1995 base year system for several years and change in the legislation would have no effect on Hancock County.

For more information regarding existing and proposed new base year figures for your Region, please see the lists of figures currently recorded for 1989 and reported for 1995, attached in Appendix B-6 and B-7, or contact the Division of Community Assistance.

11. List each county, city, part 9 Authority in the Region. Discuss current reduction or diversion programs sponsored by each and the success level enjoyed by the current programs. Be sure to include information about how and to what extent programs are funded or generate revenues. If the jurisdiction has a drop off program, tell about what types of materials are collected and how much. Be sure and detail any yard waste or composting programs as the department intends to give additional emphasis to these programs in the future. List proposed programs and discuss ten year trends and needs. Discuss how the jurisdictions in the Region work together. Describe education programs and opportunities in each jurisdiction and encouragement that the commercial and industrial sectors receive from these jurisdictions. These jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction descriptions should cover all the topics listed here plus any other that would fully explain efforts in the given jurisdiction.

Hancock County

Hancock County is the only entity in the Region that is conducting any type of waste reduction programs. The County operates a drop-off site for collecting recyclables at its convenience center. Used Oil and batteries are collected by a number of automobile repair businesses throughout the County. Hancock County is also participating in the Waste Tire Recycling Program sponsored by the State. Partner's for Clean Communities, and affiliate of the Clinch-Powell Resource Conservation and Development Council and Keep America Beautiful, conducts educational programming throughout the year for school age children and adults.
Chapter 4: Collection and Transportation

(House-to-House Collection, Convenience Centers, and Green Boxes)

1. List collection services available in the Region (in the county or counties and cities within) and basic information regarding the services.

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<td>Local government</td>
<td>A drop-off site is available for citizens at a local industry.</td>
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<td>Door-to-door</td>
<td>Sneedville</td>
<td>Local government</td>
<td>Door-to-door collection</td>
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<td>Door-to-door</td>
<td>Any resident</td>
<td>Individual customer</td>
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2. Describe how each county in the Region meets the Collection Assurance requirements mandated in the Solid Waste Management Act of 1991 (T.C.A. 68-211-851). See Appendix B-8 for a fact sheet regarding minimum collection requirements.

At this time Hancock County does not operate a convenience center that meets the requirements of convenience center rules and regulations. Although the County does operate a drop-off site for collection solid waste inside the gate at a local industry.
3. Based on the information available and your experience working in the county, discuss collection needs in the Region, and trends anticipated over the next ten years. This is your opportunity to discuss aspects of the county (or counties) collection system(s) that were perhaps missed in previous questions and to help planners with new directions the county and its Region may wish to pursue. City systems within the Region may also be relevant here. This is also a good place to discuss a system that is working particularly well.

The greatest need facing Hancock County is a system of drop-off collection sites for solid waste. Not only is the County in need of opening one convenience center to meet the minimum collection requirements, but County officials feel it is the right time to explore other opportunities for county residents to dispose of solid waste. The other options include adding additional fenced, staffed drop-off sites for collecting solid waste. These would not be elaborate sites but would meet the rules and regulations governing convenience center operation and would be open on a rotating basis to provide citizens in all areas of the County with appropriate disposal options at a relatively low cost to the County.
Chapter 5: Recycling

(Reduction Programs, Processing and Composting Facilities)

1. Does the Region (or county, city or Part 9 Authority within) have a recycling or waste reduction coordinator. If yes, please provide the following information:

   No

2. List the waste reduction programs in the Region. The description should include whether the program is publicly or privately sponsored; if the program is open to all or to a limited group; if materials are dropped off or picked up; if the program is curbside; if the owner/sponsor is a for-profit collector or end-user; if the program is an in-house industrial, commercial or government recycling or reduction program; etc.

   For each recycling program, please provide the following information:

   Hancock County
   Mike Harrison
   423-733-4341
   Courthouse
   P.O. Box 347
   Sneedville, TN 37869
   Aluminum, cardboard, paper
   Drop-off collection
   Open to the public and sponsored by local government

List materials processing facilities in the Region:

None

List composting facilities in the Region:

None
3. Based on the information available and your experience working in the county, please describe progress and setbacks in recycling and reduction efforts in the Region. Be sure and include marketing efforts on the part of local programs, their principal end-users, successes and failures in marketing efforts? Feel free to describe unusual or counties (and programs within) in their efforts. Please include any future plans for additional recycling, reduction, or end-use programs you are aware of.

Two of the major setbacks for Hancock County and any county of its size, is the lack of public participation and the county’s ability to market materials collected. Due to transportation issues it is difficult for Hancock County to market materials collected. The volume of materials collected is low and therefore cannot command adequate marketing prices or transportation to processing facilities. Tire recycling has been successful in the County since it began several years ago, but other collection efforts have been slow but are available. At best, Hancock County is meeting the SWMA requirements of providing a site for collecting materials, however, with a small rural population base, recycling efforts will continue to be a struggle for this County.

4. The law requires that every county within the Region have at least one recycling drop-off facility available to all county residents. The facility does not have to be publicly owned or collect a specified volume or type of recyclable. However, a collection facility must be available for at least one material that is actually recycled (marketed and reused). Please list recycling collection site(s) for each county in the Region and describe the facility or program.

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<th>Site Name</th>
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<th>Items Collected</th>
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<td>New Jail Street</td>
<td>Hancock</td>
<td>Paper, cardboard, Aluminum</td>
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Chapter 6: Disposal

(Landfills, Incinerators, Waste to Energy Facilities, Transfer Stations, and Waste Imports and Exports)

1. Please list all the landfills, transfer stations, Municipal Solid Waste incinerators, Landfill Gas to Energy facilities, and Waste to Energy facilities in the Region.

None

2. Identify Class I waste exported from or imported to the Region. Include origin and destination. Name the relevant county and Region. The table headings below provide example formats for presenting your information.

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<td>1,536.62 tons</td>
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3. Based on the information available and your experience working in the Region, evaluate disposal needs. Is efficient disposal assured at a reasonable price for the ten year planning horizon? What changes in the disposal system are being contemplated? What changes should be contemplated with consideration to anticipated growth and disposal demands?

The County’s agreement with Browning Ferris Industries, owners of the Carter’s Valley Landfill in Hawkins County, is sufficient and assured for the next 10 years at a reasonable price. As with most disposal contracts, Hancock County’s agreement is re-evaluated on a regular basis to assure a fair price as well as service. At this time there are no changes being contemplated due to the lack of anticipated growth in population and therefore lack of increase demand on disposal.
4. Of the facilities listed in this chapter, which have planned capacity assurance of less than ten years? Five years?

None

5. Are all publicly held Class I landfills or incinerators in the Region accounting for financial activities in an enterprise fund as required by law?

Yes
Chapter 7: Problem Wastes

(Household Hazardous Wastes, Waste Tires, Waste Oil, Automotive Fluids, Lead Acid Batteries)

1. Has this county taken advantage of the State's household hazardous waste mobile collection service in the last two years? Please describe.

   No, Hancock County has not been eligible to receive this service.

2. Does a jurisdiction within the Region operate a permanent household hazardous waste collection center? If yes, please provide the following information: No

   - Description of Center
   - Operator/Contact (Name Phone No.)
   - Date Center Opened
   - Disposal Contractor (Name Phone No.)
   - Collection Center Owner
   - Days and Hours of Operation
   - Service Available to
   - Materials and Amounts

3. Briefly discuss the Region’s (and jurisdictions within) level of success with household hazardous waste collection and level of satisfaction with the State program. Include changes area officials would like to make or see made. Describe plans for a local household hazardous waste program.

   It is difficult to discuss the Region's level of success with the Household Hazardous Waste Program due to the fact that the Region has not been able to host an event for two years due to State sanctions. At the time Hancock County was participating in the one day collection event program, the level of participation was extremely low. At one event the County had a participation rate as low as 0.3%. Due to the low number of people and households that participate Statewide, It is felt that a more effective use of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection budget is needed to ensure a higher participation rate on a continuous basis, such a regional permanent collection sites.
4. Describe the Region’s efforts to see that waste tire collection mandates are met. Bear in mind that at least one site (public or private) per county must be available to local citizens for county or counties to be in compliance with the law. List the site(s) available. Describe what happens to waste tires in the Region once they are collected.

Whole waste tires are collected in transport trailers at a local business for transporting to an approved end-user by TTRI/Greenman Technologies. In 2000, the County collected and recycled 1,970.60 tons of tires.

5. Discuss the Region’s level of satisfaction with waste tire collection efforts in the area and the State waste tire program. What changes are foreseen? What changes are needed?

Thus far, the waste tire collection program has been successful in Hancock County. Unfortunately, the County has been unable to receive grant funding for this efforts in recent years, but plans to begin using Option #3 grant funds when approved by the State. No changes are needed or expected in the near future with regards to the County collection and storage program.

6. Do counties in the Region have a problem with waste tire dumping? If yes, describe specific sites and discuss the problem.

No

7. Describe the Region’s efforts to see that oil and auto fluid collection site mandates, and lead acid battery collection site mandates, are met. Bear in mind that at least one site (public or private) per county must be available to local citizens for the county or counties to be in compliance with the law. List the site(s) available.

**Lead Acid Batteries**

Discount Auto Parts  
College Street  
Sneedville, TN 37869

Tommy's Auto Parts  
West Main Street  
Sneedville, TN 37869

Hancock County CO-OP  
Jail Street  
Sneedville, TN 37869

**Used Oil**

Dean's Auto Service  
Sneedville, TN 37869

Greasy Rock Garage  
Sneedville, TN 37869
Chapter 8: Solid Waste Education

1. Please list persons or organizations that are active in efforts to educate the public regarding solid waste matters in the Region. It is appropriate to list a program like Keep Tennessee Beautiful (formerly Clean Tennessee), Keep American Beautiful, or Tennessee Solid Waste Education Program (TNSWEP). It is also appropriate to list an individual like a reported, an extension agent, a school teacher, or a local official who has made special efforts to help educate school children or adults in the county regarding solid waste issues. Include any in-house industrial solid waste education programs. Describe the nature of each effort and level of participation.

Partners for Clean Communities
Keep America Beautiful Affiliate
Operates in Hawkins, Hancock, Grainger, Claiborne, and Union Counties
423-828-8494
P.O. Box 379, Rutledge, TN 37681
Targeted participants include the general public and schools
The organization conducts events such as Conservation Camp,
Environmental Teacher In-Service, and Garbage Busters

2. Based on the information available and your experience working in the Region, please describe outstanding needs in the area of public solid waste education. What progress has been made and what is planned? Should more be done to keep the public informed? How can the State and technical assistance agencies assist in this effort? Has the county or its Region filed an education action plan and made use of the Division of Community Assistance’s Pathways to Education book?

As with most small counties, Hancock County is in need of additional staff to provide on-going solid waste education initiatives. Although needed, adding staff to the County payroll, is difficult step to take and adding an additional staff person to fill this role is not in the immediate plans of the County. Small, rural, sparsely populated counties such as Hancock, are in need of additional assistance from the State in the form of education grants, educational technical assistance, and materials. More needs to be done to educate and inform the public which may increase participation in such programs as recycling. The County has not filed an education action plan as of this date.
Chapter 9: Flow Control and Permit Review

1. Does the Region or jurisdiction within make any attempt to control the flow of waste? If yes, please explain.

   No

2. Does the Region foresee any outstanding issues with regard to permit review or flow control?

   No
Chapter 10: Five-Year Plan Update Review

(Public Hearing, Planning Commission review, County Commission or Part 9 Authority Review and Approval)

1. Describe the required public hearing held after the Revised Plan (Five-Year Update) was completed. The meeting should be held at a central location in the Region and open to the general public. What day was the meeting held? Where? What was the level of participation? Summarize comments. Include a copy of the public notice, and indicate when and where it was published.

The Hancock County Commission meets every quarter and therefore will not meet again until January. In an effort to submit the 5 year update in a timely manner, the document will be submitted in absence of a public hearing which will be held during the next county commission meeting.

2. Local planning Commissions in the Region should be made aware of the Five-Year Update and given an opportunity to review it. Was this done? Include comments and responses.

Yes, Planning Commission members were mailed a copy of the Update and asked to comment on the Update if they so desired.

3. Please include a copy of a resolution from every county in the Region approving the Five-Year Plan update. The Department will not approve your plan without this documentation. If a Part 9 Authority has been formed, please include a copy of the resolution of approval from the Authority Board of Directors.

As was stated earlier, the Hancock County Commission meets every quarter and will not meet until January. In an effort to submit the 5 Year Update without further delay, a resolution approving the document will be presented at the January meeting of the Commission and will be submitted to the State at that time.
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**Hancock County Solid Waste Expenditures**
Hancock County Solid Waste Planning Region
REGION NAME

To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing information is accurate as of the date of submission of this report:

Sandra Columber
Typed Name of Chairman of the Solid Waste Planning Region

Signature of the Chairman of the Solid Waste Planning Region

11-16-01
Date

To the best of my knowledge, the foregoing information is accurate as of the date of submission of this report:

Michael T. Harrison
Typed Name of the County Executive(s)

Signature of the County Executive(s)

11-15-2001
Date
July 20, 2001

Ms. Sandra Columber
Chairperson, Hancock County Municipal Solid Waste Planning Region
P. O. Box 324
Sneedville, Tennessee 37869

RE: Five-year Update to Ten-year Solid Waste Plan
Hancock County Solid Waste Region
Region Member: Hancock
Update Due — October 21, 2001

Dear Ms. Columber:

As you are aware, the Solid Waste Management Act of 1991 requires the Solid Waste Regions to plan, monitor, and report on solid waste activities. One of the requirements of this legislation was for each region to prepare a Ten-year Solid Waste Management Plan. The legislation also requires that Five-year updates to those plans be prepared and submitted to the state for review. The Hancock County Region’s Ten-year plan was approved on October 21, 1996; therefore, your Five-year Update is due to this office by October 21, 2001. Please note that the Update is expected to consider the next Ten-year planning horizon, and will become your current Ten-year Plan upon approval by this office.

Also required by the Solid Waste Act is submittal of a Needs Assessment report for all of the counties within each Development District. The initial Assessment was due by September 30, 1992; with revisions due by April 1, 1999 and every five years after that. The Solid Waste Needs Assessment for the counties and municipalities within your region was received on April 4, 1999. Please contact Mr. Chris Craig with the First Tennessee Development District to determine the status of your Region’s Needs Assessment report. The Needs Assessment will provide much of the information necessary for the preparation of the Five-year Update to your Ten-year Plan.

The Five-year update to your Ten-year Solid Waste Management Plan is an important tool for your Region. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 615-532-0744.

Sincerely,

Becky Gorham
Planning, Reporting and Waste Reduction

C: The Honorable Michael Harrison, Hancock County Executive
Mr. Chris Craig, First Tennessee Development District
Ms. Lindy Turner, Clinch-Powell RC & D Council
Ms. Chris Garkovich, Solid Waste Management Consultant
Ms. Janice Bowers, Environmental Coordinator, Johnson City Environmental Assistance Center