

TDEC---Sunset Review

We believe the Sunset Review and Audit of TDEC will answer important questions including

>>**TDEC Boards are highly politicized, dominated by special interests, have no staff, and are almost entirely white.** Boards provide little management or direction for the employees and managers.

>>**Proposed TDEC regulations for solid waste reform did not meet criteria of enabling act SB 2267/HB 2289, p. 4 (year 2007).** The proposed regulations concern “goals”, “reports” and “plans” which is what Tennessee solid waste has done since 1991. The enabling statute specified consideration of costs of recycling (should include water pollution), population & commercial activity

FUNNY NUMBERS [FRAUD]

>>**State and local solid waste numbers are QUITE inaccurate if not fraudulent.** A TDEC Task Force, primarily of local solid waste managers formed during solid waste reform process, voted unanimously that state and local solid waste numbers are not accurate. We have a glaring example of Davidson county. Tennessee is the only State which counts landfilled construction waste as recycled

>>**Highly polluted Dickson County Landfill is regulated by TDEC under a “Ground Water Protection Plan”—a completely made up term-- which does not exist in Federal or state law.** This allows Dickson county to avoid key mandated regulations.

LANDFILLS

>>**The national and international disaster at TVA Coal Ash Landfill in Harriman Tennessee has cost \$2 billion (2,000,000,000 dollars) to date.**

>>**Expert geologist opinion documents multiple range of allegations against TDEC permitting and regulating landfills.** Tennessee landfills appear to be deeply flawed state wide.

>>**TDEC allows importation from out of country and out of state of nuclear waste for Tennessee landfills and processing.** Utah, apparently, is the only other state which does this.

>>**TDEC has major landfill problems yet solid waste reform is more and more landfills**

Solid Waste Reform

In 2007, the General Assembly passed an Administration bill which mandated solid waste reform (SB 2267/HB 2289, p. 4). TDEC Ignored composting—divert food waste, yard waste, and unrecycled paper—which is the safe alternative to landfills. The proposed regulations rely on more “goals”, “reports” and “plans” that we have had since 1991. Tennessee karst geology with cracks and fissures is not good for landfills. The proposed regulations were criticized by local governments, groups representing governments, and citizens. **Are we going to invest in failed landfills for another 20 years?**