

**SENATE BILL No. 375**

By Committee on Natural Resources

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1 AN ACT concerning solid waste; relating to permit exemptions; amending  
2 K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 65-3407c and repealing the existing section.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 65-3407c is hereby amended to read as  
6 follows: 65-3407c. (a) The secretary may authorize persons to carry out  
7 the following activities without a solid waste permit issued pursuant to  
8 K.S.A. 65-3407, and amendments thereto:

9 (1) Dispose of solid waste at a site where the waste has been  
10 accumulated or illegally dumped. Disposal of some or all such waste must  
11 be identified as an integral part of a site cleanup and closure plan  
12 submitted to the department by the person responsible for the site. No  
13 additional waste may be brought to the site following the department's  
14 approval of the site cleanup and closure plan.

15 (2) Perform temporary projects to remediate soils contaminated by  
16 organic constituents capable of being reduced in concentration by  
17 biodegradation processes or volatilization, or both. Soil to be treated may  
18 be generated on-site or off-site. A project operating plan and a site closure  
19 plan must be submitted to the department as part of the project approval  
20 process.

21 (3) Dispose of demolition waste resulting from demolition of an  
22 entire building or structure if such waste is disposed of at, adjacent to or  
23 near the site where the building or structure was located. Prior to the  
24 department's authorization, written approval for the disposal must be  
25 obtained from the landowner and the local governmental or zoning  
26 authority having jurisdiction over the disposal site. The disposal area must  
27 be covered with a minimum of two feet of soil and seeded, rocked or  
28 paved. The final grades for the disposal site must be compatible with and  
29 not detract from the appearance of adjacent properties. In addition to the  
30 factors listed in subsection (b), the secretary shall consider the following  
31 when evaluating requests for off-site disposal of demolition waste:

32 (A) Public safety concerns associated with the building or structure  
33 proposed to be demolished.

34 (B) Proposed plans to redevelop the building site which would be  
35 impacted by on-site disposal of debris.

36 (C) The disposal capacity of any nearby permitted landfill.

1 (4) Dispose of solid waste generated as a result of a transportation  
2 accident if such waste is disposed of on property adjacent to or near the  
3 accident site. Prior to the department's authorization, written approval for  
4 the disposal must be obtained from the landowner and the local  
5 governmental or zoning authority having jurisdiction over the disposal  
6 site. A closure plan must be submitted to the department as part of the  
7 authorization process.

8 (5) Dispose of whole unprocessed livestock carcasses on property at,  
9 adjacent or near where the animals died if: (A) Such animals died as a  
10 result of a natural disaster or their presence has created an emergency  
11 situation; and (B) proper procedures are followed to minimize threats to  
12 human health and the environment. Prior to the department's authorization,  
13 written approval for the disposal must be obtained from the landowner and  
14 the local governmental or zoning authority having jurisdiction over the  
15 disposal site.

16 (6) Dispose of solid waste resulting from natural disasters, such as  
17 storms, tornadoes, floods and fires, or other such emergencies, when a  
18 request for disposal is made by the local governmental authority having  
19 jurisdiction over the area. Authorization shall be granted by the department  
20 only when failure to act quickly could jeopardize human health or the  
21 environment. Prior to the department's authorization, written approval for  
22 the disposal must be obtained from the landowner and the local  
23 governmental or zoning authority having jurisdiction over the disposal  
24 site. The local governmental authority must agree to provide proper  
25 closure and postclosure maintenance of the disposal site as a condition of  
26 authorization.

27 (7) Store solid waste resulting from natural disasters, such as storms,  
28 tornadoes, floods and fires, or other such emergencies, at temporary waste  
29 transfer sites, when a request for storage is made by the local  
30 governmental authority having jurisdiction over the area. Authorization  
31 shall be granted by the department only when failure to act quickly could  
32 jeopardize human health or the environment. Prior to the department's  
33 authorization, written approval for the storage must be obtained from the  
34 landowner and the local governmental or zoning authority having  
35 jurisdiction over the storage site. The local governmental authority must  
36 agree to provide proper closure of the storage and transfer site as a  
37 condition of authorization.

38 (8) *Dispose of drilling fluids and solids generated from drilling*  
39 *activities associated with oil and gas exploration and production by land-*  
40 *spreading in accordance with best management practices and maximum*  
41 *loading rates developed by the secretary and published on the department*  
42 *website. Each separate land-spreading location shall require submission*  
43 *of an application to land-spread drilling waste, complete with all*

1 *information required on the application form developed by the secretary.*  
2 *The contents of the application form shall include, but are not limited to,*  
3 *the land-spreading location, soil characteristics, waste characteristics,*  
4 *waste volumes, land-spreading method and post-land-spreading report. A*  
5 *separate land-spreading application and a post-land-spreading report*  
6 *shall be submitted for each location. The secretary and the Kansas*  
7 *corporation commission shall enter into a memorandum of agreement for*  
8 *the purposes of:*

9 (A) *Administering the land-spreading application and approval*  
10 *process;*

11 (B) *monitoring compliance; and*

12 (C) *establishing mechanisms for enforcement and remedial actions.*

13 *For the purposes of protecting the health, safety and property of the*  
14 *people of the state, and preventing surface and subsurface water pollution*  
15 *and soil pollution detrimental to public health or to the plant, animal and*  
16 *aquatic life of the state, a land-spreading application may not be approved*  
17 *for the same location unless a minimum of three years has passed since*  
18 *the previous land spreading occurred. A fee of \$250 shall be paid to the*  
19 *Kansas corporation commission with each drilling waste land-spreading*  
20 *application. The fee shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance*  
21 *with K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto, to be credited to the*  
22 *conservation fee fund.*

23 (b) *The secretary shall consider the following factors when*  
24 *determining eligibility for an exemption to the solid waste permitting*  
25 *requirements under this section:*

26 (1) *Potential impacts to human health and the environment.*

27 (2) *Urgency to perform necessary work.*

28 (3) *Costs and impacts of alternative waste handling methods.*

29 (4) *Local land use restrictions.*

30 (5) *Financial resources of responsible parties.*

31 (6) *Technical feasibility of proposed project.*

32 (7) *Technical capabilities of persons performing proposed work.*

33 (c) *The secretary may seek counsel from local government officials*  
34 *prior to exempting activities from solid waste permitting requirements*  
35 *under this section.*

36 *Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 65-3407c is hereby repealed.*

37 *Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its*  
38 *publication in the statute book.*