

ASSEMBLY, No. 2170

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning sewage sludge, amending P.L.1976, c.99, and  
2 supplementing P.L.1970, c.39 (C.13:1E-1 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 5 of P.L.1976, c.99 (C.13:1E-42) is amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 5. [After March 15, 1980, no] No solid waste facility shall accept  
10 or receive for disposal, any [hazardous waste, chemical waste, bulk  
11 liquid or pesticide] dewatered sewage sludge unless [such] the owner  
12 or operator of the solid waste facility has installed a system for the  
13 interception, collection and treatment of any and all leachate generated  
14 at the solid waste facility, and has obtained approval from the  
15 department for the entire leachate treatment system. Requests for  
16 department approval may be in the form of an addendum to the  
17 registration statement submitted in accordance with section 5 of  
18 P.L.1970, c.39 (C.13:1E-5) [of the act to which this act is a  
19 supplement], shall be prepared by a New Jersey licensed professional  
20 engineer, and shall include detailed engineering drawings and  
21 specifications of the proposed leachate treatment system. [In addition,  
22 requests for department approval shall specify the exact nature and  
23 quantity of the waste to be accepted at the facility, the method of  
24 handling and treating those wastes, and shall include proof that all  
25 necessary permits and licenses have been obtained for any discharge  
26 into the waters of the State.]

27 [Notwithstanding any provisions of this section to the contrary, the  
28 department may permit the temporary disposal of septage and sewage  
29 sludge at designated solid waste facilities, to the extent necessary to  
30 implement comprehensive plans and requirements for sludge  
31 management and septage management pursuant to law, and as  
32 necessary to meet short-term emergencies identified by the  
33 department. The permission shall be by written order fixing the date

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 by which the disposal shall cease, which date shall be no later than  
2 March 15, 1981, in the case of septage and March 15, 1985 in the case  
3 of sewage sludge, and such date as the department deems reasonable  
4 in cases of emergency.]

5 (cf: P.L.1980, c.9, s.1)

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7 2. (New section) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 5 of  
8 P.L.1976, c.99 (C.13:1E-42) to the contrary, the department may  
9 permit the temporary disposal of septage and sewage sludge at  
10 designated solid waste facilities, to the extent necessary to implement  
11 comprehensive plans and requirements for sludge management and  
12 septage management pursuant to law, and as necessary to meet  
13 short-term emergencies identified by the department.

14 The permission shall be by written order fixing the date by which  
15 the temporary disposal activities shall cease, or the date, as the  
16 department deems reasonable, by which any emergency disposal  
17 activities shall cease.

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19 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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## 22 STATEMENT

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24 This bill prohibits the disposal of dewatered sewage sludge at solid  
25 waste facilities unless the owner or operator thereof has installed a  
26 system for the interception, collection and treatment of the leachate  
27 generated at the facility, and has obtained approval from the  
28 Department of Environmental Protection for the entire leachate  
29 treatment system.

30 The DEP may permit the temporary disposal of septage and sewage  
31 sludge at designated solid waste facilities, to the extent necessary to  
32 implement comprehensive plans and requirements for sludge  
33 management and septage management pursuant to law, and as  
34 necessary to meet short-term emergencies identified by the  
35 department. Any such permission must be by a written order of the  
36 DEP fixing the date by which the temporary disposal activities would  
37 cease, or the date, as the department deems reasonable, by which any  
38 emergency disposal activities would cease.

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43 Prohibits disposal of dewatered sewage sludge at a solid waste facility  
44 unless DEP approves leachate treatment system for the interception,  
45 collection and treatment of the leachate generated at the facility.