

Authorize rulemaking on post-closure care of landfills



Minimal long-term maintenance is necessary to protect the environment.

Challenge

Current rule requires landfills to be actively maintained for 20 years after they close. But landfills continue to hold waste and impact the environment beyond this post-closure care period. In some cases, further care or simple maintenance steps are needed to protect human health and the environment beyond 20 years. Existing rules could be more explicit that a landfill cannot end post-closure care without MPCA approval.

Proposal

Authorize the MPCA to undertake good cause exempt rulemaking to clarify that terminating the post-closure care period for a landfill requires the commissioner's approval.

Why it's important

Providing the commissioner authority to enforce minimal requirements around maintenance and protection of closed landfills will help to protect human health and the environment.



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