LEGISLATION AND REGULATION
OPPORTUNITY TO RECYCLE LEGISLATION

Rationale

Continued emphasis on recycling of post-consumer materials-not only in residential waste, but also in waste generated from commercial and industry sources -is required as a significant part of prudent and environmentally sound solid waste management. To increase the diversion rate of such materials from the municipal solid waste stream throughout the nation will require opportunities for all citizens, businesses and industries to recycle and adequate markets to use the collected materials. The opportunity to recycle can be provided by private, public and non-profit organizations or partnerships.

In addition, setting goals at the state level for landrll1 diversion rates ensures that materials are collected and recovered for recycling.

Policy

To foster increased recycling of all materials from a municipal solid waste sources and to stimulate development of necessary recycling infrastructure, the National Recycling Coalition advocates the enactment of legislation by the various states which requires municipalities TO provide an opportunity to recycle, establishes landfill goals of *25* percent by the year 1995 and 50 percent by the year 2000 and also provides for strong market development through procurement of products containing recycled materials and fostering local public and private utilization of collected materials.

Cross-reference: Procurement