

2005 Mission Statement and Guiding Principles

Mission Statement

The South Central Iowa Solid Waste Agency exists to provide for the economically and environmentally sound management of all waste materials generated within the Agency service area. It will do so through development and/or coordination of an integrated solid waste management program provided by the Agency and its public and private partners. The outcome of using this integrated approach will be to minimize the contamination and pollution of the land, water, and air resources of the area while also fostering broader commitment to proper waste management practices.

Guiding Principles

The Agency will accomplish its mission by:

- Owning and operating economically viable and environmentally sound facilities within the Agency service area as needed to meet the solid waste management needs of members and waste generators.
- Addressing responsibility for environmental liability and regulatory compliance on all Agency property through sound and proactive decisions about site, facility and program development, operations, and post-operation care.
- Maintaining control over the Agency's short and long-term financial performance by making strategic investments, marketing services, running efficient and cost-effective operations, and the use of both internal and external capital funding sources.
- Responding to strategic opportunities to market Agency transfer or disposal capacity or other services to public entities other than Agency members.
- Partnering with private and municipal service providers for access to effective programs for waste and toxicity reduction, recycling, waste recovery, and problem material management throughout the Agency service area. The Agency will support these programs through the provision of technical assistance, staff expertise, public outreach materials, and, as deemed necessary by the Board, funding.
- Providing essential services if no other private or municipal service provider is adequately addressing the needs of Agency members or waste generators.
- Maintaining strong ties among the four Agency members and between the Agency and its constituents, including but not limited to haulers, processors, cities and counties, neighbors, and regulators.
- Providing opportunities for public participation in decision-making.
- Periodically, evaluating the performance of the Agency in meeting its Mission Statement, responding to external changes affecting the Agency, and revisiting the Guiding Principles and strategies as needed to remain effective.