

GUIDELINES

DIVISION OF SANITATION FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION

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CHAPTER 17--Solid Waste Disposal Design

Section 1: Solid Waste for Rural Communities

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In order to address chapter solid waste management needs, the following factors should be considered:

1. What existing systems, public or private, in adjoining or overlapping chapters or counties exist from which the chapter may be able to obtain services?
2. Will the chapter need its own constructed transfer station along with necessary planning and operational costs and responsibilities or will a service agreement for collection from contractor-provided bins be sufficient? In general, bins will allow for the simplest most cost-effective form of solid waste management where a chapter has a small enough population and minimal risk of illegal dumping of either hazardous materials or by unauthorized persons.
3. If it is decided that a formal transfer station is needed it may be some time before funds can be identified for IHS to build one. (1) Solid waste projects rank several years down the Sanitation Deficiency System priority list and we have not been able to get the Navajo Nation to request that a particular solid waste project be assigned Tribal priority so it could be funded sooner from SDS. (2) Several years ago Headquarters SFC tightened the use of IHS housing support funding precluding its use for construction of solid waste facilities.

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