

Panel recommends linking waste-reduction plans to permits for disposal

Industry and local governments should be required to submit plans to reduce the amount of waste generated when they apply for permits for waste disposal operations on advisory committee for the Department of Environmental Quality recommended Monday.

DEQ is formulating new solid waste regulations that will be the subject of hearings before they are enacted, DEQ Secretary Paul Templett said Monday. After hearing the advisory committee recommendations, Templett told Lynn Knapp, the advisory committee chairman, and Wilma

Subra, chairman of the solid waste subcommittee, he thinks several of the recommendations should be included in the new regulations.

Like most of the nation, Louisiana is facing a landfill shortage and a consequent rise in the cost of disposal of garbage and other solid waste. Templett is a strong proponent of recycling to help reduce the landfill and has placed recycling requirements on municipalities that have sought new landfill permits.

Landfill operators should have to notify DEQ before accepting waste from a new source, the committee told Templett. In some cases, solid wastes have come in from out-of-state without DEQ being informed, they said.

Illegal waste dumping is continuing inside the levees of some of the state's major rivers, and dump sites inside levees, where wastes are subject to being carried away by high water, should be identified, Subra told Templett.

DEQ also needs to study the composition of waste entering landfills in Louisiana to aid in developing plans for recycling.

Toxics march organizers slate environmental fair

The Greater Louisiana Toxics March organizers will hold an environmental fair Saturday at the State Capitol. The march is being held to protest the discharge of toxic chemicals that can cause cancer, reproductive problems and other health effects, organizers say.

Participants will gather Saturday at 8 a.m. at Southern University and at 8:30 a.m. at the Louisiana State Capitol. The march will proceed from Southern to the State Capitol, where an environmental fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Scheduled speakers include Martin Luther King III. There also will be music, food and children's activities.

The march will proceed on Nov. 17 to Reserve, Edgard, Tart and Hahnville and the marchers are scheduled to arrive in Jefferson Parish on Nov. 18.

The marchers plan to arrive at Armstrong Park in New Orleans on Nov. 19, and they will march down Canal Street to Spanish Plaza on Nov. 20.

The march is being organized by Louisiana Toxics Project. The sponsoring organizations are the Sierra Club, the Louisiana Environmental Action Network, the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers of America and the Delta Coast Community Leadership Development Project.

A number of other groups are lending support, including the Delta River Wives of the Sierra Club.

Sociologist Morris Janowitz dies at age 69 after long illness

By The Associated Press
CHICAGO — Sociologist Morris Janowitz, known for his work on race, war and urban violence, has died at the age of 69 after a long bout with Parkinson's disease.

Janowitz, former chairman of the University of Chicago's sociology department, died Monday, university spokesman Bill Harms said. He had retired last year.

Janowitz was internationally known for both his teaching and writing. In 1950, he co-authored "The Dynamics of Prejudice" with Bruno Bettelheim, a major work that provided new perspectives on the problem of racial and ethnic prejudice, said Charles Bidwell, the sociology department's current chairman.

He also wrote "The Professional Soldier" on the military and its relationship with society, and "Sociology and the Military Establishment." The Last Half Century: Social Change and Politics in America, published in 1978, received the Long Prize, the highest honor bestowed on books by University of Chicago faculty, put out by the school's press.

In 1973, Janowitz was named the Lawrence A. Kimpton Distinguished Service Professor. He received the Distinguished Scholarship Award from the American Sociological Association in 1985.

Born in Paterson, N.J., Janowitz attended Washington Square College as an undergraduate and received his doctorate in 1948 from the University of Chicago. He taught at Chicago from 1947 to 1951, then moved to the University of Michigan, where he stayed until 1961, when he was appointed a full professor at Chicago.

Survivors include his wife Gayle, and two daughters, Rebecca and Naomi. Funeral arrangements were pending.

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