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2021 Wisconsin Act 234
[2021 Assembly Bill 943]

**Cleanup of Electronics Recycling
Waste**

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According to the federal Department of Justice, officials from 5R Processors concealed the illegal storage and transport of crushed leaded glass at facilities in Ladysmith, Glen Flora, Catawba, and West Bend between 2011 and 2016. Four officials were charged with various federal crimes and three have pleaded guilty to conspiring to store and transport hazardous waste without required permits and manifests.¹

2021 Wisconsin Act 234 requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to contract with third parties to clean up this electronic waste. Specifically, DNR must contract to perform any necessary assessment, collection, transportation, and disposal of cathode ray tube glass and related waste that was generated from activities undertaken by 5R Processors and is located in properties in Rusk, Price, or Washington Counties. The act appropriates \$2.5 million from the environmental fund in 2021-22 for the cleanup.

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¹ See [press release](#) from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Wisconsin, *Former Vice President of Recycling Company Sentenced to 5 Months for Illegally Storing Hazardous Waste*, January 26, 2021.