



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2003 Wisconsin Act 96 [2003 Senate Bill 121]	Study of the Management of Oil-Absorbent Materials
2003 Acts: www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/	Act Memos: www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm

2003 Wisconsin Act 96 directs the Secretary of the Department of Commerce to appoint a committee to study the use and management of used oil filters and other oil-absorbent materials.

The Act directs the Secretary to appoint to the committee a representative of each of the following: Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin or National Oil Recyclers of Wisconsin; Federation of Environmental Technologists; Council on Recycling; Automotive Service Association; the petroleum industry; Wisconsin Automobile and Truck Dealers Association; landfill owners or operators; University of Wisconsin System; Department of Natural Resources; scrap brokers, dealers, or processors; oil filter manufacturers; and Wisconsin Counties Association.

The Act directs the committee to do the following:

- Gather data on:
 - The number of oil filters used in Wisconsin annually.
 - The number of used oil filters recycled in Wisconsin annually.
 - The amount of oil-absorbent material disposed of in Wisconsin annually.
 - The amount of oil-absorbent material recycled or recovered in Wisconsin annually.
- Establish percentage goals for recycling used oil filters and for recycling or recovering other oil-absorbent materials that are enough higher than current practice to make a significant difference but are attainable with current technology.
- Set a deadline for meeting these goals.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.

- Suggest measures to be taken if the goals are not met and dates for taking those measures.

The Department of Commerce must schedule meetings of the committee at least once a month for 15 months or until the committee completes its work, whichever is earlier. The department must submit its recommendations based on the work of the committee to the Legislature and the Governor by January 1, 2006.

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