

INTEGRATION OF TOXIC WASTE MANAGEMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Interest in developing an integrated system of environmental management has been evident since the formation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency . One argument proposed for the development of a single agency housing all pollution control programs was to "control as efficiently as possible the total quantity of wastes regardless of the source, media, or form. The interactions among different forms of pollution had to be studied so that standards would be based on the total amount of pollution to which humans and the environment were exposed."¹

The Federal Environmental Protection Agency Structure

In 1969 the presidential task force preparing President Nixon's 1970 environmental statement made the initial proposal which eventually led to the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency. Previously, many tasks involving environmental issues were assigned to a number of different agencies. The concept of consolidating pollution control programs in a separate agency was believed to be able to create an integrated and systematic method to the problem of managing all types of pollution.²