
**Authorities Budget Office
Policy Guidance**



Authority Mission Statement and Performance Measurements

Name of Public Authority: Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

Public Authority's Mission Statement:

The Agency's mission is to provide an efficient, economical and environmentally sound solid waste management system in and for the County of Ulster. The Agency strives to carry out the principles of New York's solid waste hierarchy in its work, emphasizing reuse of materials, reduction of MSW, and the carrying out of an effective and user friendly recycling program, with landfill disposal of MSW that cannot be reused, reduced or recycled. The Agency also holds Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics recycling events for the residents of the County. Municipal drop off centers for disposal of solid waste and recycling developed by the Agency offer County residents a convenient alternative to private collection contracts. The Agency routinely negotiates contracts with area solid waste collection firms for disposal of MSW at its two conveniently placed transfer stations, and long hauls through private contractors the processed waste to permitted landfills in New York State.

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List of Performance Goals (If additional space is needed, please attach):

- **Increase Recycling by education initiatives; enforcing requirement for private and governmental recycling plans and reporting; expanding HHW collection days.**

- **Expand reduction and reuse awareness by increasing school and community education initiatives.**

- **Increase efficiency of MSW transfer and disposal system by quarterly review and analysis of operating, safety and maintenance programs; compliance with NYSDEC permits and special conditions ; frequent communication with the County, municipalities, major customers and contractors.**

- **Control operating costs by periodic review of operations, annual budget and monthly Treasurer's reports.**

Additional questions:

1. Have the board members acknowledged that they have read and understood the mission of the public authority?

Yes.

2. Who has the power to appoint the management of the public authority?

The Board of Directors appoints the Executive Director and Counsel. The Executive Director appoints all other employees, including management employees.

3. If the Board appoints management, do you have a policy you follow when appointing the management of the public authority?

Appointments are made after advertisement for the position; review of resumé and interviews by a committee of the Board; and presentation of the recommended candidate(s) to the full Board for determination.

4. Briefly describe the role of the Board and the role of management in the implementation of the mission.

The Board authorizes and approves policies to be applied in carrying out the mission. Management carries out the policies subject to periodic, generally monthly, review by the Board.

5. Has the Board acknowledged that they have read and understood the responses to each of these questions?

Yes.