

Responding to the Environmental Issues Dominating Waste Management

Waste management businesses face numerous challenges working to comply with Resource Conservation and Recovery Act regulations and dealing with complex environmental issues.

The scale of environmental challenges



In 2015, the latest year with official data from the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. waste management businesses managed **262 million tons of municipal solid waste**.



The EPA levied more than **\$1.5 billion in judicial penalties** alone from concluded RCRA cases in 2017.

The potential gains of sustainable waste management

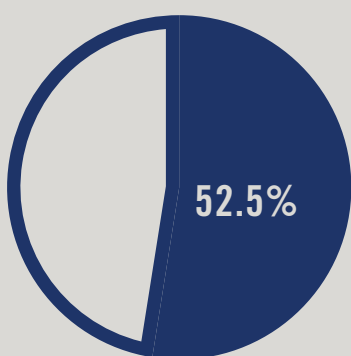


217 million tons of pollution were either reduced, treated or eliminated in 2017 due to EPA enforcement efforts.



In Michigan alone, recovering materials disposed in landfills and incinerators could create a **positive economic impact of \$399 million** annually due to commodity and employment gains, the West Michigan Sustainable Business Forum™ found.

Progress underway



The waste management industry is already advancing toward sustainability, as composting and recycling rates are climbing so quickly that, in 2015, just **52.5% of municipal solid waste was handled via landfills**.

Dealing with regulatory and sustainability challenges often requires operational, equipment and technological innovation. With our customer-focused approach to financial services, Comerica Bank can help waste management businesses adjust their capabilities to better handle environmental issues.

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