

The Quebec Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment & Parks, Mme. Line Beauchamp, on November 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 announced very significant investment and attention towards the recovery of organic residuals through the advancement of a 5-year *Residuals Waste Management Policy Plan* (Projet de politique québécoise sur la gestion des matières résiduelles);  
<http://www.mddep.gouv.qc.ca/matieres/pgmr/index.htm>.

Supporting both anaerobic digestion and composting, the program intends to provide \$650 Million in infrastructure investment, available to both the public and private sector. Details of the organic residuals recovery program may be found by visiting:  
<http://www.mddep.gouv.qc.ca/programmes/biomethanisation/cadre-normatif.pdf>.  
(The specific direction regarding financial support is found on pages 10 – 14 of the report.)

The Minister noted the significant impact that landfilling organic residuals has in the creation of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and the considerable positive GHG reduction advances that could be obtained through composting and/or anaerobic digestion. She announced a 2013 ban on the landfilling of paper and cardboard, recognizing the considerable recycling infrastructure that is already in place for these materials. And she announced a similar landfill ban on organic residuals (leaf & yard, food scraps, biosolids from both septic as well as wastewater sources) in a ten year horizon, once sufficient organic residuals recovery infrastructure has been established.

Funds for this investment will be sourced through a proposed increased landfill levy of \$9.50 per tonne.

Financial guarantees pertaining to the installation, maintenance and if necessary, closing, of organic residuals recovery facilities are to be introduced for both existing and future initiatives.

A 90-day public consultation process (November 25, 2009 – February 9, 2010) will now proceed to solicit input to this proposal as well as other waste management initiatives also announced  
(<http://www.mddep.gouv.qc.ca/infuseur/communique.asp?No=1589>).

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