

## Division of Waste Management (DWM) Dexter R. Matthews, Director

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# **DWM Mission within DENR:**

to prevent harmful releases of waste to the environment and clean up existing contamination

- Solid Waste Section
- Hazardous Waste Section
- Superfund Section
- Underground Storage Tank Section
- Brownfields Program



### Solid Waste Section

- Regulates safe management of solid waste through technical assistance, regulations, permitting, environmental monitoring, compliance evaluation and enforcement.
- Waste types handled at these facilities include municipal solid waste, industrial waste, construction and demolition waste, landclearing waste, scrap tires, medical waste, compost, and septage.



#### **Hazardous Waste Section**

- Protects human health and the environment from the risks presented by potential mismanagement of hazardous waste
- Permits treatment, storage and disposal facilities
- Regulates generators, transporters and transfer facilities
- Administers Mercury Switch Removal Program



### **Superfund Section**

Provides for protection of human health and the environment from historic hazardous substance or waste disposal sites.

- Department of Defense (DOD) sites
- Inactive hazardous waste sites (including preregulatory landfills)
- Dry-Cleaning Solvent Cleanup Act (DSCA) Program
- EPA National Priority List sites and Removal Actions



## Underground Storage Tank Section (UST)

- Enforces UST regulations and manages funds used to perform cleanups of petroleum UST discharges or releases (UST incidents).
  - Commercial Cleanup Fund
  - Noncommercial Cleanup Fund



### **Brownfields Program**

- The Brownfields Property Reuse Act removes barriers to redevelopment of contaminated properties by protecting prospective developers from liability for contamination they did not cause.
- Abandoned, idled or underused properties where environmental contamination hinders redevelopment due to concerns about environmental liability.



