

1       Sec. X. AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES STUDY OF SITING OF A  
2                   NEW LANDFILL IN THE STATE

3           (a) Assessment. The Secretary of Natural Resources shall conduct an  
4           assessment of the feasibility and cost of siting a landfill in the State of  
5           Vermont. The assessment shall include:

6                   (1) a summary of the statutory and regulatory requirements for the siting  
7                   of a landfill in the State;

8                   (2) an estimate of the time frame for siting a landfill in the State;

9                   (3) an evaluation of whether the operation of more than one landfill in  
10           the State is necessary or advisable due to the need for solid waste disposal, cost  
11           of solid waste disposal, the planned operational life of existing landfills in the  
12           State, or other purpose;

13                   (4) an estimated cost of siting a new landfill in the State;

14                   (5) an analysis of whether a new landfill in the State should be owned  
15           and operated by a municipality or association of municipalities, the State, a  
16           private business, or a partnership between private business and public  
17           government; and

18                   (6) an estimate of the cost of building a landfill in the State.

19           (b) Consultant. The Secretary may contract with a qualified environmental  
20           consultant to complete the assessment required under subsection (a) of this  
21           section.

1       (c) Advisory committee. A committee is established to provide  
2       information and advice to the Secretary of Natural Resources regarding the  
3       assessment required under subsection (a) of this section. The Secretary shall  
4       consult with the advisory committee at least four times regarding completion  
5       of the assessment. The advisory committee shall be composed of the following  
6       members appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources:

7               (1) a representative of a solid waste management entity serving a  
8               population of 50,000 or more persons;

9               (2) a representative of a solid waste management entity serving a  
10              population of 25,000 or more persons but less than 50,000 persons;

11              (3) a representative of a solid waste management entity serving a  
12              population of less than 25,000 persons;

13              (4) a representative of two commercial solid waste haulers who do not  
14              own or operate a landfill in the State, provided that one of the commercial solid  
15              waste haulers shall serve a population of less than 25,000 persons;

16              (5) a representative of a municipality in which a landfill is located;

17              (6) two representatives of environmental or citizens groups with an  
18              interest in the operation or siting of landfills; and

19              (7) a representative of an industry or business that relies on the  
20              operation of a landfill in the State to conduct business.

1        (d) Report. On or before January 15, 2021, the Secretary of Natural  
2        Resources shall submit the assessment required under subsection (a) of this  
3        section to the House Committees on Commerce and Economic Development  
4        and on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife and the Senate Committees on  
5        Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Natural  
6        Resources and Energy.