

Carolina Businesses Generate 2.6 Billion Pounds Of Waste

Raleigh - Approximately 2.6 billion pounds of hazardous waste were generated by 690 industries and businesses in North Carolina during 1985, a decrease of 56 percent from 1984, according to the annual report on hazardous waste released this week by the N.C. Department of Human Resources' Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Branch. The decrease from 1984 to 1985 was due primarily to the largest hazardous waste generator in the state implementing procedures to minimize the waste generated by substituting chemicals and modifying its waste treatment processes to reduce the amount of waste generated, according to Branch Head Bill Meyer.

"Hazardous waste is a necessary by-product of industrial manufacturing processes and it is essential that industry and state agencies continue to cooperatively implement a waste reduction, handling and treatment program," Meyer said. Each year the Branch sends questionnaires to all facilities which have sent notification of hazardous waste activities. The responses from the questionnaires provide the information which makes up the annual report. Six hundred and 90 generators and 77 treatment, storage or disposal facilities participated in the 1985 survey, according to Meyer. The majority of hazardous waste generated in the state during 1985 (about 91.5 percent) was treated or

detoxified on-site at the industries and businesses where it was produced, Meyer said. Less than 4.7 percent of the waste material produced (about 141 million pounds) was shipped out-of-state for treatment or disposal. Approximately 114 million pounds (3.8 percent of the total North Carolina waste generated) was treated at North Carolina off-site facilities. Most of this waste was either incinerated or recycled at solvent recovery facilities, Meyer added. Less than 86.5 million pounds of the waste shipped out-of-state was placed in landfills. Approximately 2.7 percent (80 million pounds) of the waste was recovered for reuse. Five types of North Carolina

industries were responsible for generating over 92 percent of the hazardous waste produced in the state in 1985, according to the report. These industries included chemical and allied products, electronics and electronic equipment companies, machinery, fabricated metal, furniture and fixtures. There were 700 generators in the state in 1985. Seventy-six of these generators treated, stored or disposed of their own wastes. The annual report lists Mecklenburg County companies as the largest generators of hazardous waste in the state, producing over 1.4 billion pounds of hazardous waste in 1985. Other counties with companies generating major

amounts of hazardous waste, in order, are Durham, Lee, Surry, Buncombe, and Nash. A hazardous waste is defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as one that could pose dangers to human health and the environment after it is discarded. Examples are wastes that are capable of burning or causing a fire, capable of eating away materials and human tissue; capable of interacting with air or water causing an explosion and the release of poisonous fumes; and, capable of poisoning humans.



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Receives

Prestigious Award

Greensboro - Henry E. Frye of Greensboro, the first black man to be named to the N.C. Supreme Court, will receive the Charles Duncan McIver Award from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro during the institution's Founders' Day Convocation on Monday, October 6.

The award recognizes North Carolinians who have rendered unusually distinguished public service to the state or nation. The bronze medal bears the likeness of Charles Duncan McIver, who played a leading role in founding the State Normal and Industrial School (now UNCG) and was its first president.

Created in 1983 by the UNCG Board of Trustees, the medal is awarded by action of the board. No more than one medal will be awarded in any year and there is no requirement that the award be given annually.

Frye, who grew up in Ellerbe, was named an associate justice of the N.C. Supreme Court in 1983. He currently serves as chairman of the court's permanent families task force. A 1953 graduate of N.C. A&T State University, he received his law degree with honors from the UNC-Chapel Hill Law School in 1959. He was the eighth of 12 children and notes in his resume that he was a farmboy and sawmill worker from 1939-49.

In addition to being involved with the law practice until 1983, Frye served as an assistant U.S. attorney for the U.S. Middle District from 1963-65 and was a law faculty member at the N.C. Central University Law School from 1965-67. He was an organizer of Greensboro National Bank in 1971 and served as its president from 1971-81. He was a member of the board of directors of N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company from 1973-83 and served as its vice chairman from 1981-83.

Frye was a member of the N.C. House of Representatives for six terms from 1969-79. In that position, he was the first black representative elected to the N.C. House since 1899. Frye also was chairman of the Guilford County delegation to the General Assembly in 1974 and 1975, another first for a black man.

Red Cross To

Teach CPR

The Greater Carolinas Chapter of American Red Cross is seeking Charlotte area residents to learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and, at the same time, help the Red Cross shape the way CPR will be taught in the future.

The local chapter is one of four Red Cross chapters in the country that have been selected to field test the new CPR curriculum for the American Red Cross nationwide.

CPR is a technique using mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and chest compressions, which can revive a person who has suffered cardiac arrest because of a heart attack or drowning.

Guidelines for administering CPR have recently changed, so the Red Cross is updating its teaching methods.

The field test is open only to those who have never before taken a CPR course. The class will be taught Wednesday, October 8, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, 2425 Park rd. Cost is \$5, which includes lunch.

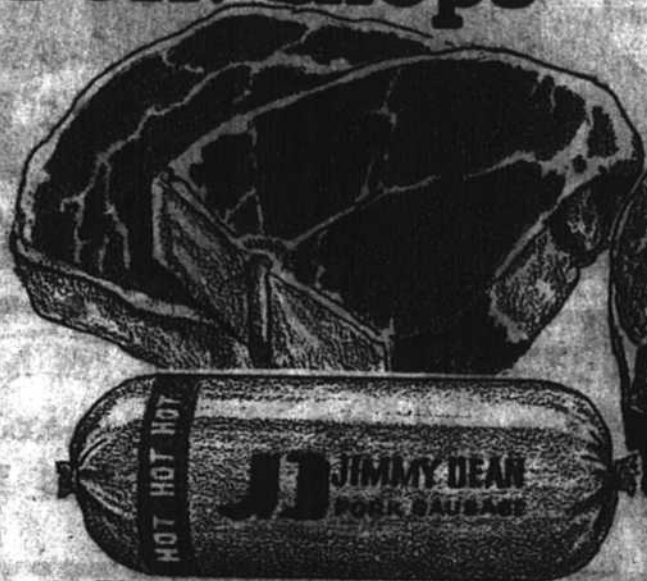
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