

Please Support SB451

SB 451 will clarify technical issues that are currently preventing the Marion County waste-to-energy (WTE) facility from selling renewable energy credits (RECs) under the state's RPS.

SB 451 will implement the 2016 intent of the General Assembly, which granted the **existing** Marion County waste-to-energy facility full "renewable" status. SB 451 isn't new policy: it helps an existing law get implemented.

SB 451 will help keep the Marion County WTE facility open. Revenue from the sale of RECs will support the state's only WTE facility located in Brooks.

The Marion County WTE facility uses a local resource – waste – that is remaining after recycling efforts to generate electricity for the local grid.

A key component of Marion County's leading integrated solid waste management program, the Marion County WTE facility:

- Is a better alternative to landfilling, as recognized on the state's solid waste management hierarchy.
- Keeps 9,000 long-haul trucks off the highway every year by providing a local means of waste management.
- Recovers 8,000 tons of metal per year, metal that would otherwise be lost forever in a landfill – equivalent to the steel in 6,500 cars and the aluminum in 17 million beverage cans.
- Generates enough renewable electricity every year to supply 9,000 homes.

Supporting SB 451 will help keep 40 well-paying jobs in Marion County, with a combined payroll of over \$4 M / year.

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