Waste management: landfill

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The Committee welcomes the main thrust and declared objectives of the proposal are in keeping with the consistent implementation of Community waste management strategy, recently upheld in the Council resolution on waste policy. Some important points have been overlooked, and the Committee feels these should most definitely be included: - Secondly, the proposal needs to reflect the environmental-information access criteria specified by the relevant directive, and to provide for adequate levels of public participation in the decisions on disposal operations. The Committee urges the addition to Article 8 of a clause calling on the competent authorities to inform the public of any steps taken to ensure the landfill complies with authorization requirements. - Given that the proposal also aims to encourage waste pre-treatment and recovery techniques, the Committee calls on the Commission to provide fresh impetus for the following: research to collate reliable statistics on waste production and types of waste, particularly for industrial waste; specific directives and regulations on priority waste-flow management, starting with the recovery of used tyres; Community regulations on civil liability for environmental damage.