

Composting legislation update

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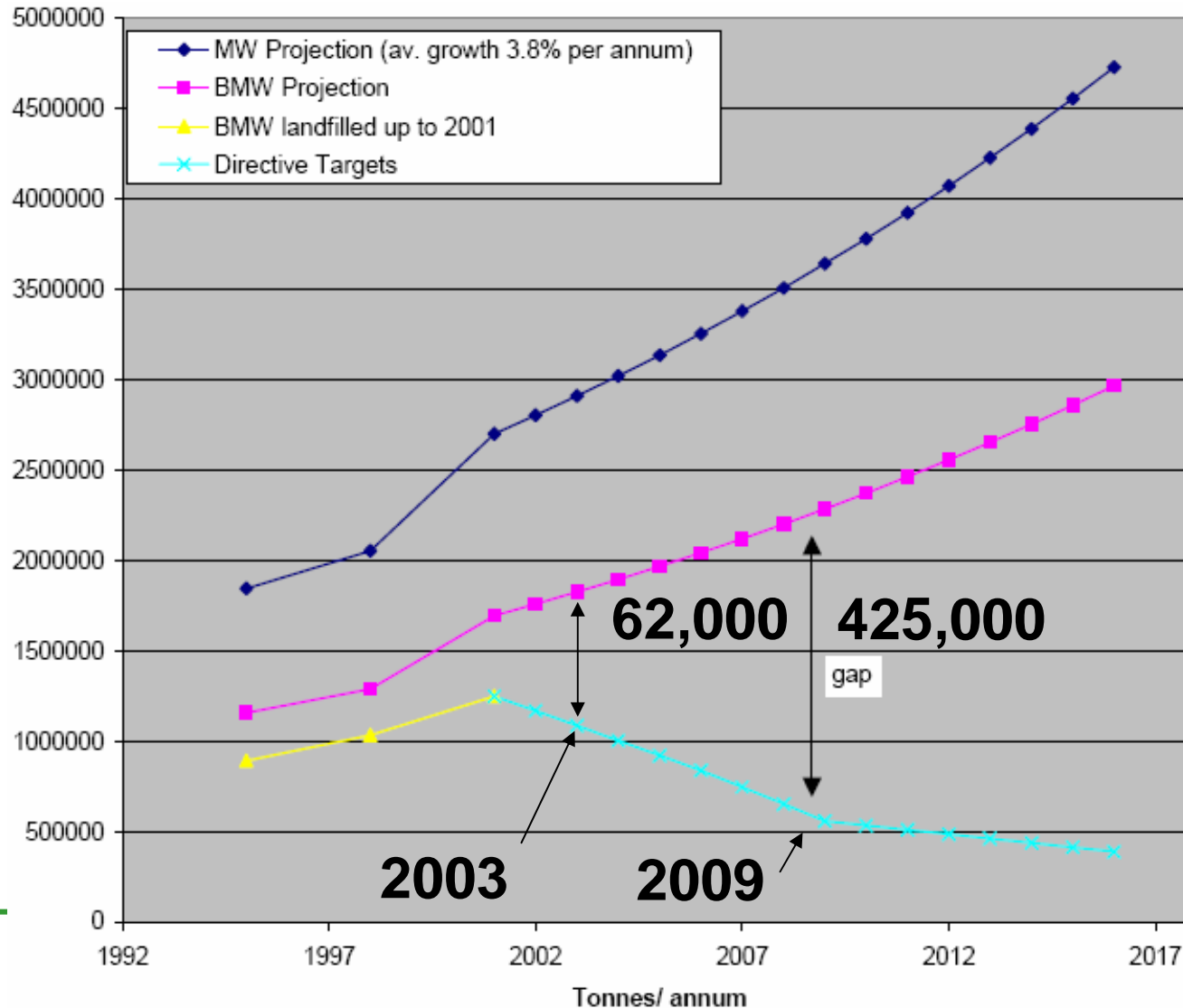
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Current situation

No Specific Legislation

- **WMP's encourage source-segregated and composting**
- **Facilities must be licensed/permitted**
- **No National Quality Standards**
- **EPA Waste Licences set standards in effect**
- **ABP Regulation not yet affecting composting**

Landfill Directive



Leading Legislation

- **Landfill Directive**
- **Biowaste Directive**
- **Animal By-Products Regulation**
 - **National Biowaste Strategy**
 - **Licensing and permitting**
 - **Quality Standards**

Biowaste Directive

Working Papers (3) proposed;

- Operating conditions
- Source-segregation of Domestic & Commercial
- Permitting arrangements
- Requirements for biogas
- Quality classes (3)
- Product uses by class
- Product labelling
- Public procurement
- Residual waste treatment

It is a community-wide strategy

Final agreement expected September 2004

Cré actions on Biowaste Directive

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- **Submitted opinion on the Working Documents**
- **Technical Committee represented at EU level**
- **Liase with ECN, European Composting Network**

Animal By-Products - Regulation

Adopted EU-wide May 2003

Very broad scope and wide range of EU approaches

Requires approval by Dept of Agriculture

Dept of Agriculture to look at facilities in 2004

- **Legislative issues arise**

Animal By-Products - Approval

Animal by-products approval will require;

- Only Category 3 or Manure
- Clean & dirty areas
- Measures to prevent contamination
- Enclosed units without bypass possibility
- Exclusion of animals.
- Equipment washing facilities.
- Hygiene management plan.
- Sampling and monitoring.
- Controls, recording, backup.
- Etc.

In other words, to be a well managed facility

Animal By-Products - Cré actions

Cré

- Develop views through papers and targeted meetings
- Liase with interested bodies
- Developed proposal to adopt a credit system
- Express concerns about impact on industry

See www.compostireland.ie for details
or email info@compostireland.ie

Challenges & Opportunities

- **Env. Improvement**
- **Late start advantage**
- **Market improvements**
 - Peat replacement
 - Customer confidence
- **Landfill avoided**
- **Animal By-Products**
 - Extra regulation tier
 - Learn from DEFRA

Anticipate policy direction and be prepared

That's all

Thank You