

## SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

The demand for solid waste handling systems comes mainly from municipal and state governments. The single most important market is for collection concessions, but combined concessions for collection and landfill operations are an emerging trend. Municipal garbage collection tends to be strongly influenced by union interests which do not necessarily favour privatization.

Industrial users also demand integrated disposal services. As new regulations become effective, they will increasingly require additional services.

- **Soil Testing and Remediation.** The Mexican government is considering new regulations to require the vendors of commercial property to obtain an environmental inspection prior to sale.
- **Environmental Audits.** If a proposed new measure to make environmental assessments tax deductible is enacted, it is expected that demand for audits and assessments from small- and medium-sized enterprises will increase.
- **Identification of Wastes.** The government is expected to develop specific classification criteria for hazardous wastes and to require disclosure of industrial inventories. This will create a demand for engineering services as well as laboratory services and equipment.

### ESTIMATED MARKET FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES US \$ MILLIONS

	1993	1994	1995	1996	Average annual percentage growth rate 1993-96
Municipal recycling	7	7.5	8.5	10	12.6
Municipal collection services	150	200	250	313	27.8
Municipal sanitary landfills	5	10	15	20	58.7
Hospital incinerations	5	5	7	9	21.6
Industrial recycling	20	18	20	23	4.8
Industrial incineration	0	20	23	77	96.2
Hazardous waste landfills	0	50	0	260	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>310.5</b>	<b>323.5</b>	<b>712</b>	

Source: United States Agency for International Development (USAID), 1995.