

**Summary of Reasons  
Proposed Revisions to Division 13  
Recycling Program**

**335-13-1 General Provisions:**

Definitions were added for “End Use Manufacturing Facility”/“End Use Facility”, and “Responsible Official”. A definition for “Recovered Materials Processing Facility” was updated to be consistent with the statute. In addition, the definitions were re-numbered due to the addition of new definitions along with making some minor clarifications.

**335-13-3 Processing and Recycling:**

New rules were added for Variances and for State Agencies and Public-School Systems. Rules were updated throughout the chapter to include the notification requirements for End Use Manufacturing Facilities and End Use Facilities. The semi-annual reporting requirements and deadlines were changed to an annual basis throughout the chapter. Language was added regarding the annual report confidentiality requests for clarification and ease of reference.

General updates were made throughout the chapter to be consistent with ADEM Administrative Code and with the applicable Statute. Language was updated throughout the chapter to delineate the difference between notification and registration requirements and for the length of time registrations are valid. Rules were updated for new recycling facilities and for existing registered recycling facilities and their application requirements to include renewal deadlines.

The areas designated for incoming materials were given criteria for the protection of the materials. Language was added to outline the storage and accumulation limitation requirements.

**335-13-9 State Solid Waste Management Plan:**

Updated the State Solid Waste Management Plan and incorporated Appendix A in accordance with the Solid Wastes Disposal Act information for 2023.

**335-13-10 Alabama Recycling Fund Grants Program:**

General updates were made throughout the chapter to be consistent with the ADEM Administrative Code and Statute. Clarifying language was added for application requirements and to better reflect the application process. Several rules were renumbered, reformatted, and updated.

Language was clarified regarding use of advance funds and the possession of grant limited equipment. Clarification was given for deadlines if the date occurs on a weekend.

Language was clarified regarding eligibility of updates to local solid waste management plans and statute requiring a focus on recycling. The multiyear grant plan was added with deadline requirements. Language was added to change grant category thresholds if applications are not sufficient to meet normal threshold requirements.

The eligibility requirements to register and report were added. Language was clarified to emphasize census data regarding number of households served, not population served.

**335-13-13 Statewide Solid Waste Reduction Goal:**

Updated the statewide solid waste reduction goal from 25% to 40%. Updates were made to clarify that the calculated solid waste diversion rate is compared to the set solid waste reduction goal to evaluate the performance of the state’s efforts to achieve the goal. Rules were updated throughout the chapter for consistency.