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- Section 20/3.1 of the *Illinois Solid Waste Management Act* mandates that all of Illinois’ "State-supported institutions of higher learning" develop 10-year comprehensive waste reduction plans.

- Initial plans were due January 1, 1995, but the Act stipulates that they be updated every five years. Next updates are due **April 1, 2015**.
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- The Act requires that each plan contain recycling and waste reduction provisions designed to achieve a **40 percent** reduction in municipal solid waste generated for landfilling or incineration.
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- Plans must institution’s procurement policies and practices to eliminate procedures which discriminate against items with recycled content.
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- DCEO established the Illinois College Assistance Program for Recycling ("I-CAP") to help public colleges and universities comply with this mandate.

- I-CAP is responsible for establishing the specific format and contents of the plans as well as reviewing and approving the plans submitted by institutions. By law, the review process is conducted in cooperation with the State Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board.
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- An institution's waste reduction plan will ultimately consist of responses to a set of specific questions contained in the updated plan Guidelines document developed by I-CAP.

- As the 2015 plan updates will build upon previously approved plans it is strongly recommended that copies of previous plan documents be consulted as the update is developed.
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- DCEO shall approve a waste reduction plan when all of the following are satisfied:
  - all applicable questions contained in the guidelines are answered in a full and responsive manner;
  - the school certifies to attaining at least 40% waste reduction or certifies that it will develop and implement efforts to work toward the 40% goal;
  - a waste generation study and a waste composition study may be performed but may not be necessary if other data is available
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• all reasonable efforts were made to investigate the feasibility of recycling and/or composting of materials which comprise at least 5 percent of the institution's waste stream (assuming the materials are not currently being recycled and/or composted).

• a procurement policy is adopted which does not discriminate against recycled-content products.

• the institution's future waste reduction and recycling plans are realistic and achievable, and will likely allow the target reduction to be achieved or exceeded.
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- Plan updates are to be submitted no later than April 1, 2015.
- Schools may request a 1 month extension using the form in the Guidelines. However, the extension must be requested by the April 1, 2015 due date.
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- DCEO staff will review all submitted plans within approximately 90 days. Institution will subsequently receive written notice regarding whether the plan was approved or whether it was deficient.

- If a plan is found to be deficient, the inadequate areas of the plan will be identified in a written notice. The institution will then have 60 days to submit a revised plan.
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- If an institution fails to submit an approved plan, the institution will not be in compliance with 415 ILCS 20/3.1. The State Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board will be notified of each noncompliance case. Furthermore, DCEO’s Recycling Grants Programs may find applications submitted by non-compliant institutions ineligible for consideration.
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While I-CAP provided grants during the early years of the program, it no longer provides direct funding. However, schools seeking to develop or expand recycling efforts can apply for a grant under DCEO’s Illinois Recycling Grants Program (IRGP) and/or the Food Scrap Diversion Program (F-SCRAP). To learn more about these programs please visit our Web site:

www.illinoisrecycles.com
The IRGP is a competitive program and the next grant cycle will open later this year with applications due in late fall or early winter. Successful applicants will be funded in the Spring/Summer of 2010.

If you want to be notified when the next IRGP grant cycle opens please give me a card or your contact information after this presentation.
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