

## **BACKGROUND OF THE NSWMA**

The National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA) was established under the National Solid Waste Management Act 2001 as a statutory body, to manage the collection, treatment and disposal of solid waste islandwide. The Authority is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Ministry of Local Government and Environment.

## **ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE**

The day to day operations of the Authority is managed by a team headed by an Executive Director.

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLE - "THE POLLUTER PAYS"**

The guiding principle under which the new Solid Waste Management System operates is "the polluter pays." This principle highlights the fact that there is a cost associated with the collection, transportation and disposal of waste. If this truth is understood fully by everyone who produces solid waste there should ultimately be reduction in the amount of solid waste produced.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NSWMA**

The NSWMA is responsible for the following:

1. Establishing the standards and criteria that must be attained by operators in the solid waste sector.
2. Licensing of solid waste companies, collection vehicles and disposal site operators.
3. Contracting solid waste collectors for municipal garbage collection.
4. Establishing collection zones in collaboration with the Parish Councils, the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation (KSAC) and the Town Planning Authority.
5. Establishing tipping fees structures and rates for industrial and large commercial entities disposing of waste at the approved disposal sites, and

6. Operating solid waste disposal sites in the medium term while preparing them for divestment to the private sector.

### DISPOSAL SITES

Name of Disposal Site	Location	Parishes Served
Riverton	St. Catherine	Clarendon, Kingston and St. Andrew; St. Catherine
Church Corner	St. Thomas	St. Thomas
Doctor's Wood	Portland	Portland
Tobalski	St. Ann	St. Ann
Haddon	St. Ann	St. Ann and St. Mary
Martin's Hill	Manchester	Manchester
Myersville	St. Elizabeth	St. Elizabeth
Retirement	St. James	Trelawny; St. James; Hanover; Westmoreland

### OVERVIEW OF RIVERTON WASTE DISPOSAL SITE

- Riverton Waste Disposal Site is located in the South Eastern Corner of the Parish of St. Catherine
- The site is approximately 119 hectares
- Riverton receives the largest amount of waste; approximately 60%.

## RIVERTON DEVELOPMENTS

The Development work at the Riverton Waste Disposal Site includes:

- Development of new operational procedures.
- Review of the existing collection system for the Riverton Wasteshed.
- Preparation of Environmental Impact Assessment report for the disposal site.
- Development of long-term environmental monitoring programme for the site.
- Purchase of landfill equipment.

## OUR PAST



Animals grazing on the site



No clear separation of waste



Frequent fires on the site

## IMPROVEMENTS MADE



Construction of an Operations and Maintenance



Construction of an Administration Building



Acquisition of Landfill Equipment - Compactor



Newly constructed access road