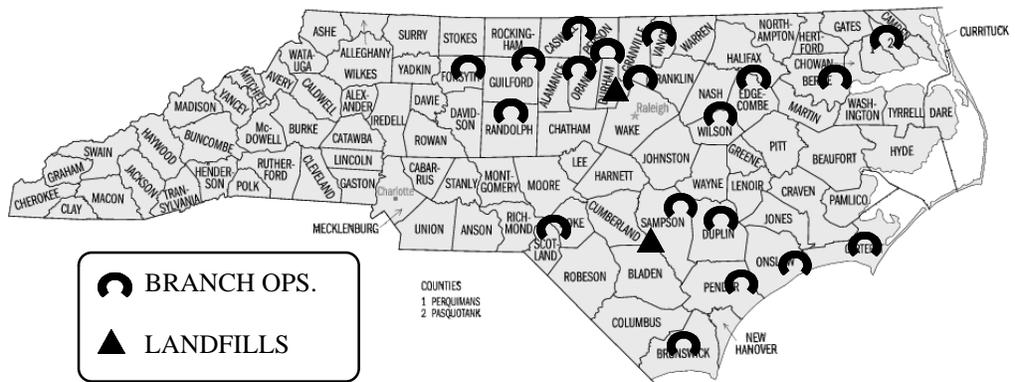


# WASTE INDUSTRIES?

Waste Industries USA, Inc. operates 26 transfer stations, 11 solid waste dumps, and 40 waste collection operations in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida. Operations in North Carolina are indicated on the map.



According to the company, its waste transfer stations are "the gates" to solid waste dumpsites. The transfer stations operated by Waste Industries receive waste from from 500,000 residential, commercial and industrial locations.

**Although 40% recycling is the goal stated in North Carolina law, Waste Industries USA Inc. recycled less than 3% of the waste it collected last year.**



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**Waste Industries states how recycling and other waste reduction methods would have a negative impact on the company's financial bottom line. Their Annual 10-K Form filed with the Securities Exchange Commission states:**

Alternatives to landfill disposal, such as recycling and composting, are increasingly being used. In addition, incineration is an alternative to landfill disposal in certain of our markets. There also has been an increasing trend at the state and local levels to mandate recycling and waste reduction at the source and to prohibit the disposal of certain types of waste, such as yard wastes, at landfills. These developments may result in the volume of waste being reduced in certain areas. North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia have each adopted plans or requirements that set goals for specified percentages of certain solid waste items to be recycled. These recycling goals are being phased in over the next few years. **These alternatives, if and when adopted and implemented, might have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.**

(emphasis added)



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