DISPOSAL IDEAS

Set up a committee made up of engineers, DNR staff person, Dept. of Commerce, business consultant, legislator. Meeting once or twice a year. Where individuals from the public and private sector could make an appointment and consult on ideas for disposal options from ponds, drying-utility management, variance, land use proposal.

A lot of interest in pressing waste -- maybe regional or by county -- liquid could be used by farms.

Funding -- grants -- low interest loans

Incentive for land application

- * Farmers are currently paid incentives for nutrient improvement to soil.
- * Tax incentives are paid to put land into forest production or wildlife management -- why not land disposal?

Individual land owner, large farm, contact for disposal -- at certain price -- for x # of gallons of septage or sludge, and all waste within that township would go there [could still be different hauling company's].

Manure storage systems — harvester and lagoon — currently anything greater than 10% septic added to system must then all be treated as septic waste under code. Yet many farmers would be happy to have extra holding tank/ septic waste added to their storage systems to help liquefy if it could all be treated as agriculture waste. Much of this is irrigated onto soybeans and corn crops.

Digesters to collect the gas off waste -- by products sold as fertilizer.

What would it take to open up set-aside acres to land disposal?

Re-visit the gray water issue and holding tanks. Treat as much waste on site as possible. Maybe restrict this to sites one acre or larger, rural acres, etc. Anything to assist families with less frequent need for service. [This won't take money out of pocket of liquid waste industry]. It just might alleviate some sump pumps being put into tanks.