



Germany Long Term Waste Management Contract, Berlin



Client

Berlin City Cleansing Company (BSR)

Objectives

The German Federal State of West Berlin awarded to BC Berlin a contract authorising it to regulate all future waste disposal of the City of West Berlin. Difficult negotiations began in 1972 and ended with the conclusion of the waste disposal agreement with East Germany in 1974.

The so-called "Garbage Agreement" has securely regulated the disposal of household, construction and hazardous waste from West Berlin at proper landfill-sites on the territory of former East Germany for a period of twenty years.

This agreement relieved the fears of two million West Berliners that they could drown in their own waste.



Activities

For more than twenty years BC Berlin has organised and supervised the entire implementation of the "Garbage Agreement":

- Daily acquisition of waste quantity data,
- Quality control
- Monthly invoicing for waste transport with both municipal departments as well as disposing companies
- Procurement of visas from East Germany (1,500 visas obtained and continuously extended by BC Berlin alone)



Enormous administrative efforts were necessary to carry out all those tasks.

Extensive investments were required to implement the "Garbage Agreement". Engineering and construction of infrastructure and waste disposal facilities became necessary. Under the Long Term Waste Contract **BC Berlin has planned and turn-key built:**

- Waste transfer station Berlin-South,
- Builders' Waste Port in Berlin-Spandau,
- 3 Sanitary landfill-sites in Vorketzin, Deetz and Schöneiche about 20 kilometres outside the city limits including all their ancillary plants and equipment,
- Bypass routes to relieve streets leading to waste sites - in the form of a network of disposal routes, including rail and canal transport

and under a supplementary contract

- the turnkey hazardous waste incineration plant on the area of the landfill-site of Schöneiche.