

## Biography

### Hans-Peter Fahrni

Hans-Peter Fahrni studied chemistry, physics and mathematics at the University of Berne and obtained his PhD in organic chemistry in 1977. He started to work for the federal agency for the protection of the environment in 1977. He treated issues in the field of water protection and developed methods for analyzing surface water and waste water. He also participated in the preparation of the Swiss phosphorous ban in detergents.

In 1985 became head of the waste management section. He is the coauthor of the "Guidelines for Waste Management in Switzerland", a landmark policy paper for the development of legislation in this field. Under his leadership the Federal ordinances for waste management and the ordinance on beverage containers were prepared. In this context he also began to use the instrument of life cycle analysis.

In 1992 the waste management division was established and Hans-Peter Fahrni became head of this unit. The division for waste management prepared during the last years the actual legislation in this field and supported the implementation. Since 2005 the unit is also developing strategies for a sustainable use of raw materials.

