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September 26, 2007

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 1473 (ENROLLED SEPTEMBER 24, 2007)
SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT ENFORCEMENT**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **requests your signature** on Assembly Bill 1473 (AB 1473), which among other things, authorizes a local enforcement agency, upon concurrence by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (Waste Board), to issue a stay for a cease and desist order for facilities handling source-separated solid waste materials operating without a solid waste facilities permit under specified conditions.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939, as amended), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and its 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of 10 million. Consistent with these responsibilities, and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally-sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a Countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Historically, facilities handling source-separated solid waste materials have not required solid waste facilities permits. However, with the increase of "single stream" recycling, the collection of residuals has subjected many of this type of facilities to solid waste

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facility permit requirements. AB 1473 would allow facilities handling source separated solid waste materials subject to a solid waste facilities permit to obtain a temporary permit if the facility has been in operation prior to January 1, 2007 and remain in effect until January 1, 2010.

Many jurisdictions have come to rely on recycling facilities processing source-separated materials in order to meet their recycling goals and manage their waste streams properly. By providing local enforcement agencies with the ability to issue a temporary solid waste facilities permit to facilities handling source-separated solid waste materials, they can be brought into compliance without forcing them to shutdown; hence avoiding the possibility of diverting recyclables towards unnecessary disposal and jeopardizing a jurisdiction's ability to meet the State's 50 percent waste reduction mandate.

Therefore the Task Force **requests your signature** on AB 1473. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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