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October 27, 2005

The Honorable Juan Vargas
State Capitol
Room 2013
Sacramento, CA 94249-0079

Dear Assembly Member Vargas:

**UNDERGROUND REGULATIONS
ASSEMBLY BILL 1351 - JULY 7, 2005 VERSION**

On August 25, 2005, the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) forwarded a letter of support regarding AB 1351, as amended July 7, 2005 (copy enclosed). That version of the Bill would have implemented a number of long overdue reforms related to the State Office of Administrative Law (OAL), including curtailing the occurrence of "underground regulations," and reinstating proper funding and new procedural requirements to help reduce the current structural backlog at the OAL. Unfortunately, AB 1351 was subsequently amended in September to address unrelated issues and these important reforms were left out.

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. Consistent with these responsibilities, and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective 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, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

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The OAL serves an important purpose by allowing the regulated community and the public an opportunity to have a voice in the decision making process, and to file challenges when State agencies act outside of their authority or without an open and transparent process. Without sufficient resources, the OAL is unable to meet its primary responsibilities, let alone adjudicate allegations of underground regulations.

Therefore, we respectfully request that similar language be reintroduced in the 2006 legislative session. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



Michael Miller, Vice-Chair.
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force and
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