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State Capitol, Room 4126
Sacramento, CA 94249

Dear Legislators:

**CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD CONVERSION
TECHNOLOGY REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
FOLLOW-UP**

On May 5, 2005, the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force requested clarification of the various statements made in your letter to Senate President Pro-Tem Don Perata dated April 6, 2005 (copy enclosed). In this letter, you expressed concern related to the recommendations found within the *Evaluation of Conversion Technology Processes and Products and the Life Cycle and Market Impact Assessment of Waste Conversion Technologies* Report prepared by the California Integrated Waste Management Board. The Report, at a cost of \$1.5 million, was based on detailed scientific research conducted at the Universities of California at Davis and Riverside, and represents the most current understanding of these proven technologies. As of date, we have not received a response to our May 5, 2005, letter. Again, as an agency addressing solid waste management planning for a population in excess of ten million, we respectfully

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request that a response with factual explanation of various claims made in your April 6, 2005, letter to be provided as soon as possible.

Currently, our Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee (ATAS) is researching various technologies suitable for a conversion facility in Southern California to manage residual solid waste (waste that remains after all recyclables have been removed and traditionally landfilled). The ATAS, comprised of community representatives and experts in the field of solid waste management and alternative technologies, recently finalized the Conversion Technology Evaluation Report. This Report outlines the steps needed to develop a demonstration conversion technology facility in Southern California, including an evaluation of technology suppliers capable of diverting residual solid waste from landfills and converting it into useful products, green fuels, and energy.

We formally extend an invitation to you to attend our Thursday, August 18, 2005, meeting where this Report will be formally considered and a presentation will be given. The meeting will be held at the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Headquarters, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91803, Conference Room B at 1:00 pm. If you are unable to attend the August Task Force meeting, the invitation is extended to any Task Force meeting, which are held regularly on the third Thursday of each month.

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We look forward to seeing you on August 18, 2005, and receiving your response to our May 5, 2005, letter. Should you have any questions or are able to attend our August 18 meeting, 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
Councilmember, City of West Covina

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cc: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
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San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
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Solid Waste Association of North America
Each Member of the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force
Each Member of the Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee
Each City Recycling Coordinator in Los Angeles County