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Subject: 10/21/08 CIWMB Agenda, Item 3 - Contract For Assessment of Technologies & Mgmt For Minimizing Long Term Postclosure Maintenance Costs At Landfills

Madam Chair and Members of the Board,

As a private citizen and an individual being extensively involved with the subject matter for over 30 years, I want to thank the California Integrated Waste Management Board for the opportunity to submit the following:

1. The long-term postclosure maintenance (PCM) requirements for solid waste landfills were developed over the years to ensure the protection of public health and safety as well as the environment. Unfortunately, the proposal and its scope of work solely focus on reducing the long term PCM cost, and as stated by staff "potentially savings California landfill operators hundreds of millions of dollars" without any consideration to well being of the citizens while increasing the potential risk for environmental contamination. As such, it is recommended that the proposal and its scope of work be revised/expanded to require that the contractor as a part of the evaluation and development of cost effective technologies and management practices for minimizing long term PCM must ensure the integrity of all components of the landfill environmental protection system(s) to ensure the public health and safety as well as the environment.
2. The proposal provides for consideration of developing and operating on-site waste treatment facilities such as aerobic composting facilities and anaerobic digesters (Task 4, Planning & Siting, and Operations). It is recommended that the Task 4 be expanded to include conversion technologies facilities.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 909-592-1147.

Regards,

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