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Greg Louder, Executive Director  
Municipal Review Committee, Inc.  
395 State Street  
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Re: Application for determination of public benefit

Dear Mr. Louder:

MRC's application considered several possible waste management scenarios in order to determine the types and quantities of waste it expects to have a need to landfill. I am writing to ask whether MRC has been able to eliminate any of those scenarios or otherwise narrow the range of types and quantities of waste it expects to need to landfill.

I would also like to clarify the statutory requirements pertaining to MRC's proposal. In your remarks at last week's public meeting, you stated that the public benefit determination for the landfill is required before MRC can apply for a license for the integrated solid waste facility it is contemplating. The public benefit determination is only necessary before applying for a landfill. MRC could apply for the processing/recycling/organics management aspects of its plan without a public benefit determination.

Please contact me if you have questions. I look forward to your response to the first paragraph of this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Karen Knuuti

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