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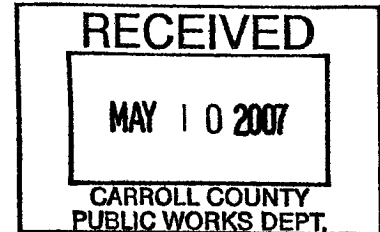
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Robert M. Summers, Ph.D.
Deputy Secretary

CERTIFIED MAIL

Return Receipt Requested

Mr. J. Michael Evans, Director
Department of Public Works
Carroll County Government
225 North Center Street
Westminster MD 21157



Dear Mr. Evans:

The Maryland Department of the Environment (the "Department") has completed review of the revised Carroll County Ten Year Solid Waste Management Plan (2002-2012), 2006 Update (the "revised Plan"), which was adopted by the County Commissioners of Carroll County on February 22, 2007. The revised Plan addressed the comments presented to the County by the Department's July 11, 2006 letter. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Vinnie Legge of your staff for her cooperation with the Department in completing this important project.

Based on this review, the Department has determined that the revised Plan satisfies the Department's guidelines and complies with the defined requirements of the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 26.03.03. In accordance with §9-507(a) of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, the revised Plan is approved.

Please be advised that §9-503(a) of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, requires each County to have a County plan or a plan with adjoining counties that covers at least the next ten-year period following adoption by the County governing body. As the County Commissioners of Carroll County adopted the revised Plan on February 22, 2007, the new plan will be due to the Department on or before **February 22, 2017**. At that time, we recommend that the County submit a draft plan to the Department so that we can review and provide comments before the County adopts the plan.

However, please note that §9-503(b) of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, requires that the County review its plan at least once every three years in accordance with a schedule set by the Department. Also, §9-506(b)(2) requires the County to submit a report of its review conducted at least every two years including any revision or amendment of the County plan that has been adopted. Therefore, the County must submit the progress reports required by §9-506(b) and the three-year plan review report **once every two years, on or before February 22, 2009**.

Please note that the progress report may include, but is not limited to, the date the County reviewed its plan and based on the review, what aspect of the plan does the County consider updating or revising; any new information or any new laws, regulations, or local ordinances that may require the County to update or revise its plan; the status of any new projects that are currently identified in the plan; discussion of any new proposed facilities that the County is reviewing for possible inclusion in the plan; discussion of the current landfill capacity projection and its bearing on the schedule for the development of future disposal alternatives; and any changes to the recycling rates.

In addition, §9-503(c) of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, provides that each County adopts and submits to the Department a revision or amendment to its County plan if the County considers a revision or amendment necessary or if the Department requires a revision or amendment. The Department will notify the County if a revision or amendment is required. However, if the County considers a revision or amendment is necessary, we recommend that the County submits a draft plan to the Department so that we can review and provide comments before the County adopts a revision or amendment to its approved and adopted plan. The County must comply with the public hearing requirements of §9-5039(d) of the referenced Article prior to the adoption of any revision or amendment.

Thank you for your continuing interest and cooperation in providing sound and long-term solid waste management planning for the County. If you have any comments or questions regarding this letter, please contact me or Mr. A. Hussain Alhija, Chief, Design & Certification Division, at (410) 537-3375.

Sincerely,



Horacio Tablada, Director
Waste Management Administration

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cc: Mr. Edward Dexter
Ms. Hilary Miller