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Date: November 19, 2008

TO: Chief Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officials of the 70 Mid Connecticut Municipalities

FROM: Melody A. Currey, Mayor, East Hartford and Chair, CRCOG Policy Board

RE: Regional Solid Waste Solutions

The purpose of this memo is to update our fellow Mid-Connecticut Solid Waste Agreement municipalities on efforts to identify options for a new regional approach to solid waste management once the current agreement with CRRA expires in 2012.

As has been mentioned in previous memos, CRCOG believes that municipalities may be able to achieve significant cost savings and other benefits by working together to forge a new regional approach to solid waste management. However, to do so it is imperative that we act together, and quickly, to define a vision and an approach.

Today at our Board meeting we received the presentation of final conclusions from our solid waste options consultants. It was accompanied by handouts of the PowerPoint slides and an Executive Summary of the final report. Those items are posted to the CRCOG website at: http://www.crcog.org/municipal_ser/sw.html.

We expect to receive the final report on Friday, November 21st. We will post it on the above webpage as well as distribute a link via email to all of you. Please review the final report and send comments to Lyle Wray (lwray@crcog.org) before the December 10, 2009 Policy Board meeting. Comments will then be presented to the CRCOG Policy Board at their December 10, 2008 meeting and a discussion will be held as to what next steps the group would like to take.

In summary, we believe there are viable alternatives that have been presented by the solid waste consultants and would like your participation as we evaluate them and determine next steps. We appreciate your patience as we study the options and look forward to your continued involvement. Please contact Lyle Wray, CRCOG's Executive Director at lwray@crcog.org or (860) 522-2217 ext 232 with any questions.