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

FROM: Lyle Wray, Executive Director, CRCOG

RE: Regional Solid Waste Solutions – Update

Date: August 8, 2008

The purpose of this letter is to update the 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 I mentioned in my previous memo, 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 we need to act together, and quickly, to define a vision and an approach.

CRCOG is in the process of hiring a consultant to conduct an initial assessment of options for the Mid-Conn region. This assessment will consider a range of alternatives, including continuation of existing agreements, and will also make recommendations for transition planning. Responses for the RFP for this work were due on August 6.

We are also in the process of meeting with all of the Mid-Conn towns in order to get a clear understanding of your needs and objectives with regard to solid waste management.

In order to maintain as many options as possible, we are hoping that towns will refrain from making any commitments regarding solid waste management until after the consultant has had a chance to provide initial findings, which we hope will be in October. By presenting a united front, and seeking a regional approach, we are likely to be able to find solutions that are more cost effective, efficient, and environmentally beneficial for all.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at CRCOG at 860-522-2217 extension 32 or via e-mail at lwray@croog.org.