

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into by and between the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (“ANR”) and the Vermont Solid Waste District Managers’ Association (“VSWDMA”), (collectively referred to hereinafter as “the Parties”) on this 15th day of September, 2008.

Purpose/Rationale for Agreement:

ANR is seeking input on drafting a new State Solid Waste Plan (“Plan”) and has asked the VSWDMA to partner with the ANR in this effort.

ANR is seeking input on examining the statewide economic structure of solid waste management and on the infrastructure needed to move forward and to provide equitable solid waste management services statewide.

VSWDMA represents the managers of Vermont solid waste management districts and some alliances, which: (a) have the authority to manage solid waste in Vermont; (b) are involved in the day-to-day management of solid waste and in implementing solid waste plans that are in conformance with the Plan; (c) represent member municipalities that have invested millions of dollars into solid waste planning, program implementation and capital projects; and (d) whose management teams have the knowledge and expertise to provide a unique perspective on the redrafting of the Plan and to implement the goals of the Plan.

Both of the Parties would benefit from coordinating efforts and information through regular meetings with one another and providing a united front on recommendations to the Solid Waste Working Group, the Vermont State Legislature, and other groups.

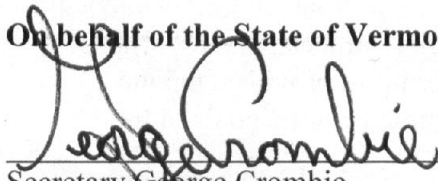
Terms of Agreement:

The Parties do hereby agree that the ANR will take the lead in scheduling regular meetings of the Parties at its offices in Waterbury, Vermont, and the VSWDMA will arrange with its members to attend and contribute to those meetings, provided that:

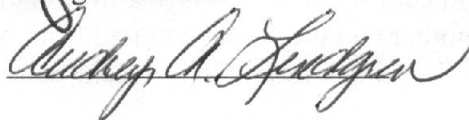
1. The meetings will be moderated by a neutral party (September – December 2008).
2. The Parties will act in good faith and integrity to share and analyze data in an effort to educate and enlighten one another as to the current state of solid waste management in Vermont.

3. The Parties will strive to identify common views and values that can be supported and promoted as the Solid Waste Working Group and the Legislature move forward with their process of examining the future of solid waste management.
4. The Parties will engage in open and honest dialogue to identify those issues and concerns that need to be addressed in redirecting the future of solid waste management in Vermont.
5. The Parties will strive to draft specific, mutual recommendations for strategies and priorities of the new Plan, taking into consideration the recommendations of the various committees and working groups to date. The Parties recommendations should include any modifications needed to the present solid waste economic structure and how to provide more consistent solid waste services statewide.
6. This MOU will be for the period of September 12, 2008 to May 31, 2009;
7. This MOU may be amended and/or renewed at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties. All amendments shall be reduced to writing and signed by the Parties.

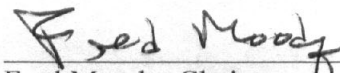
On behalf of the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources:


Secretary George Crombie

9/24/08
Date:

Witness: 

On behalf of the Vermont Solid Waste District Managers' Association:


Fred Moody, Chairman

9/15/08
Date

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