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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Finance Committee

**FROM:** Paul Harrington, Committee Chairperson

**DATE:** April 4, 2025

**RE:** Notice of Finance Committee Meeting

There will be a regular meeting of the Finance Committee of the MIRA Dissolution Authority Board of Directors on **Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.** **Members of the public may attend the meeting in person in the Board Room at 300 Maxim Road Hartford CT 06114 or telephonically by calling (929) 205- 6099, entering meeting ID 853 2460 6388# and then entering the password 953166# when prompted. (NOTE - there is very limited physical space in the Board Room - consequently, virtual public attendance is encouraged).** The meeting is scheduled to conclude at 11:00 am. The purpose of this meeting will be:

1. Call to Order; Chair’s Welcome
2. Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker)
3. Approval of Minutes of the March 5, 2025 Regular Committee Meeting (**Attachment 1**)
4. Review and Approve – Draft Resolution Regarding Temporary Services For E&I Technician (**Attachment 2**)
5. Review and Approve – Draft Resolution Concerning Funding of Legal Services (**Attachment 3**)
6. Review and Approve - Draft Resolution regarding increased budget for Structural Inspection Work (**Attachment 4**)
7. Discussion – Regarding Draft Resolution Regarding Cleaning of the Fuel Storage Tank and Fuel Supply Lines at the South Meadows Station Jet Turbine Facility in Hartford (**Attachment 5**)
8. Review and Approve - Draft Resolution regarding the Connecticut Solid Waste System Waste and Recyclables Hauler Deliver Agreement (Torrington Commercial Hauler Agreements) for Fiscal Year 2026 (**Attachment 6**)
9. Discussion of Proposal to Transition Essex Transfer Station (**Attachment 7**)
10. Discussion of Proposals for the transfer of the Torrington Transfer Station (**Attachment 9**)
11. Discussion - informational Financial Reports for Period Ending February 28, 2025 (Financial and Procurement) (**Attachment 8**)

CSWS Financials	Property Division Financials
CSWS Solid Waste Summary	Major Maintenance Funds
CSWS Recycling Summaries	Decommission Reserve

CSWS Metal Recovery Operations	MIRA Cash Flow
Procurement Policy Contract Report	Procurement Policy Exceptions Report
Report on Upcoming Solicitations	Report on Legal Expenditures

12. Executive Session – to discuss i) the sale of real estate owned by the Authority in Shelton and any pending consummation, termination or abandonment of all transactions or proceedings concerning any such sale; ii) feasibility estimates and evaluations regarding future operation of the Essex Transfer Station including draft terms and conditions associated with such future operation and iii) attorney-client privileged memo concerning the transition of Connecticut Solid Waste System facilities pursuant to Public Act 23-170.

Cc: Bert Hunter  
Mark Daley  
Tom Gaffey  
Cheryl Kaminsky  
Roger Guzowski

# ***ATTACHMENT 9***

# Law Offices of Edward F. Spinella, Esq., LLC

March 27, 2025

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

MIRA Dissolution Authority  
Attn: Chairman Bert Hunter  
300 Maxim Road  
Hartford, CT 06614

**Re: USA, RRDD1 Transfer Station, Winchester and Middlebury's Comprehensive Proposal for the MDA's Torrington Participating Municipalities**

Dear Mr. Hunter,

I represent USA Waste and Recycling, Inc. ("USA") and its affiliates.

The MIRA Dissolution Authority ("MDA") Board of Directors ("Board") adopted a resolution on February 19, 2025 relating to the Fiscal Year 2026 CSWS budget (the "Resolution"). The Resolution states the following:

Further Resolved: Notwithstanding the establishment of the tip fees, the authority may consider requests from member towns to voluntarily propose any and all other alternative arrangements, provided such terms are agreeable to both the authority and the DEEP Commissioner.

Mr. Daly, on behalf of the Board, recently told participating municipalities that have expressed a desire to "opt out" that the MDA would entertain a "comprehensive," "alternative arrangement."

**Now that the MDA Board has solicited a "comprehensive," "alternative arrangement" (i.e., an option other than the MDA), by this letter, USA and its affiliates, Regional Refuse Disposal District 1 ("RRDD1") Transfer Station, the Town of Winchester, and the Town of Middlebury, are offering to the Board a "comprehensive," "alternative arrangement" for all of the MDA participating municipalities currently delivering solid waste and recyclables to the MDA's Torrington facility (the "Torrington Towns").**

We are pleased to present the following offer to the MDA and the Torrington Towns as an all-encompassing solution that will:

- (1) transition all MDA Torrington Towns to long-term, reliable, and cost effective waste and recycling management services;
- (2) enable the MDA to completely and orderly wind down in accordance with state law;
- (3) save the MDA, the Torrington Towns, and the state's taxpayers millions of dollars;

(4) increase the current reserves with \$3,250,000.00; and

(5) relieve the Department of Administrative Services (“DAS”) from overseeing the operation of the Torrington transfer station.

## **“Comprehensive,” “Alternative Arrangement” for the Torrington Towns**

### **Background**

The adopted CSWS budget, Attachment 13 at page 10, FY 2026 Bifurcated Rate Model, shows that the actual tip fee per ton necessary to cover the total cost of operations for the Torrington transfer station (\$4,736,907.00) is \$205.52 (the “MDA Actual Tip Fee”). The MDA Actual Tip Fee will increase each year. At the February 19, 2025 Board Meeting, the Board voted to subsidize the Actual Tip Fee with millions of dollars of reserves resulting in an artificial tip fee of \$136.00 (the “MDA Subsidized Tip Fee”), just at the “opt-out” threshold for participating municipalities.

Also, at the February 19, 2025 Board meeting, the Board adopted a resolution “to Approve A Term Sheet For The Transfer of The Torrington Transfer Station” (the “Term Sheet”). Apparently, the City of Torrington and the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (“NHCOG”) hope to assume the operation of the Torrington transfer station in order to provide services to the participating municipalities beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2027. Since the Term Sheet is not public, one can only assume that the City of Torrington and the NHCOG in the very near future will have to charge at least the MDA Actual Tip Fee of \$205.52 unless there is available a significant source of subsidies.

### **Comprehensive, Alternative Proposal**

More details are provided in the enclosed Attachment A, but, in short, our offer is as follows:

- 1. Torrington Transfer Station:** My client will purchase, by July 1, 2025, “as is,” the Torrington transfer station for THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS and zero cents (\$3,250,000.00). Transfer of the operations at the Torrington transfer station to my client will be seamless since, for several years, my client operated the facility for MDA’s predecessor, MIRA, to MIRA’s full satisfaction. Private party haulers will be permitted to deliver to the facility municipal solid waste and residential recyclables generated within the Torrington Towns’ boundaries. My clients also have conveniently located “back up” facilities in Winsted and Waterbury. The MDA has no back up facilities. Further, the City of Torrington will see a valuable piece of property return to its tax rolls and collect an estimated \$109,131.75 annually.

2. **Services to the Torrington Towns:** My client will accept municipal solid waste (“MSW”) and residential recyclables generated within each Torrington Town’s boundaries at its Waterbury and Winsted facilities and the soon to be acquired, under this proposal, Torrington transfer station. The material will be handled as currently: (a) recyclables will be transferred to Murphy Road Recycling in Berlin for processing; and (b) MSW will be transferred to final disposal facilities such as Keystone Landfill or regional waste-to-energy facilities, as capacity permits. My client will provide the services currently provided to the participating municipalities for a term of five *or* ten years (at each individual town’s option). The services, however, will be provided at an actual tip fee for FY 2026 and FY 2027 that is eight to ten dollars per ton (\$8-\$10 / ton) less than the MDA Subsidized Tip Fee (and opt out levels) of \$136.00 and \$141.00, respectively.
3. **Acceptance of Contract Obligations:** My client will accept assignment of all Torrington Town current municipal services agreements, the agreement between the MDA and Enviro Express (MDA’s currently contracted operator at the Torrington transfer station), and the agreement with Murphy Road Recycling for recycling. My client will hold harmless the MDA in connection with these assignments.

So that there is no confusion, this offer will provide to the twelve Torrington Towns, RRDD1, and the Salisbury/Sharon Resource Recovery Authority, a “comprehensive” solution which is long-term, economical, stable, convenient, and environmentally sound.

### **All-Encompassing Solution to the MDA’s Dilemma**

In accordance with PA 23-170, MDA’s January 18, 2024 “Interim Report Concerning the Dissolution Responsibilities of the MIRA Dissolution Authority,” the MDA reported to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the Members of the Joint Standing Committee on the Environment of the Connecticut General Assembly, and the Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Planning and Development of the Connecticut General Assembly that the **“Authority will endeavor a transition that (i) results in no material disruption of MSW disposal and recycling services for the towns being served presently by the Authority and (ii) conserves as much of the Authority’s reserves as possible.”** This proposal allows the MDA to stay true to this commitment to OPM and the General Assembly.

By accepting, the MDA will:

- Add \$3.25 million to its reserves from the sale of the Torrington transfer station;
- Save and keep in reserves several million dollars that otherwise would have been used to achieve the MDA Subsidized Tip Fees and temporarily “prop up” the future operation of the Torrington transfer station;
- Transition the Torrington Towns to services resulting in no material disruption of the current MSW disposal and recycling services;

- Save each municipality, and its residents, institutions, and businesses, between \$8 and \$10 per ton on their tip fees; and
- Relieve itself of any termination payments or obligations under existing contracts (i.e., Enviro Express, Murphy Road Recycling, and participating municipalities).

Consistent with Commissioner Dykes, Beckham, and Gilman's October 7, 2024 letter to the MDA Board (attached hereto as Attachment B), I anticipate the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") Commissioner will support this proposal because it includes assignment of all the current municipal service agreements and vendor contracts and provides long-term, reliable, environmentally-responsible and cost-effective services for the Torrington Towns as currently provided, allows the MDA to wind down as required by PA 23-170 in an orderly and timely fashion, sells and transfers the Torrington transfer station thereby relieving DAS from overseeing the Torrington transfer station, preserves millions of dollars in reserves and adds \$3,250,000.00 to the reserves, that are statutorily to be set aside to remediate the MDA property in Hartford, Connecticut.

USA and its affiliates are experienced operators that have serviced Connecticut and Massachusetts for over fifty years. They operate transfer stations and recycling facilities throughout the State of Connecticut and the region, and have many municipal contracts for collection, disposal and recycling services. Since November 2012, about fifty (50) participating municipalities opted out of MIRA, including Manchester, South Windsor, West Hartford, Thomaston, Hartford, East Hartford, Newington, Wethersfield, Rocky Hill, Litchfield, Torrington, Harwinton, and Granby. Several of these towns opted out while their officials were MIRA/CRRA board members. These towns signed disposal and processing agreements which provided a seamless transition to long-term, stable, convenient, and environmentally sound services. I invite you to contact those towns serviced by my clients to determine if they are satisfied with my clients' services.

USA and its affiliates, RRDD1 Transfer Station, the Town of Winchester and the Town of Middlebury are pleased to present this comprehensive solution.

We request that this proposal be placed on the April agenda of the Finance Committee for an open and public discussion and recommendation to the Board.

Sincerely,



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Town of Winchester

By: 

Name: Paul Harrington  
Title: Town Manager

Town of Middlebury

By: 

Name: Honorable Edward St. John  
Title: First Selectman

Regional Refuse Disposal District 1 Transfer  
Station

By: 

Name: Honorable Todd Arcelaschi  
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## **ATTACHMENT A**

**“TORRINGTON” TOWNS PROPOSAL**

**I. NARRATIVE**

USA and its affiliates, the RRDD1 Transfer Station, Town of Winchester, and Town of Middlebury are pleased to submit the this proposal to service the MDA participating municipalities in the “Torrington” area.

USA is familiar with the services required by the participating municipalities. USA will provide these services and will work with the MDA and participating municipalities to provide any other information that is needed to assist the MDA and participating municipalities with this process. USA or its affiliates will accept assignment of all the municipal service agreements and the contracts with Enviro Express and Murphy Road Recycling and execute a contract that includes terms and conditions routinely accepted by similarly situated towns or regional authorities in Connecticut.

USA and its affiliates have owned and operated solid waste and recycling facilities in Connecticut for almost 20 years. Each member of the management team has over 15 years of experience in the management, operation, and maintenance of recycling and solid waste facilities. USA and affiliated companies own and/or operate 18 solid waste/recycling facilities located in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

USA and affiliated companies currently provide similar services to many Towns in Connecticut and Massachusetts. A few examples are the Town of Enfield, Town of East Hartford, the City of Waterbury, the City of Hartford, the Town of Granby, the City of Torrington, and the City of Springfield, MA.

**a. Receiving Facilities**

	<b>Primary Facility</b>	<b>Backup Facility</b>
<b>MSW</b>	<p>The existing MDA Torrington Transfer Station upon closing</p> <p><b>OR, WHILE AWAITING AUTHORITY FROM DEEP</b></p> <p>USA Winchester 185 Torrington Road Winchester, CT Type: Volume Reduction Facility Owner: USA Hauling &amp; Recycling, Inc. Permitted Capacity: 500 tpd Current Quantity: &lt;500 tpd Existing Commitments: &lt;500 tpd</p>	<p>F&amp;G, LLC 260 Railroad Hill Street Waterbury, CT Type: Volume Reduction Facility Owner: F&amp;G Recycling, LLC Permitted Capacity: 700 tpd Current Quanty: &lt;700 tpd Existing Commitments: &lt;700 tpd</p>

<b>Recyclables</b>	<p>The existing MDA Torrington Transfer Station upon closing.</p> <p><b>OR, WHILE AWAITING AUTHORITY FROM DEEP</b></p> <p>USA Winchester 185 Torrington Road Winchester, CT Type: Volume Reduction Facility Owner: USA Hauling &amp; Recycling, Inc. Permitted Capacity: 500 tpd Current Quantity: &lt;500 tpd Existing Commitments: &lt;500 tpd</p>	<p>Murphy Road Recycling, LLC 655 Christian Lane Berlin, CT Type: Intermediate Processing Facility Owner: Murphy Road Recycling, LLC Permitted Capacity: 1,000 tpd Current Quantity: &lt;1,000 tpd Existing Commitments: &lt;1,000 tpd</p>
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**b. Description of Operations**

**i. MSW Facilities:**

- (a) Physical description of acceptance facility: The Volume Reduction Facilities consist of a receiving building with a large tipping floor to be used by inbound vehicles. There are scales for the weighing of trucks entering and exiting each facility. The buildings also contain a load out pit for the loading of vehicles removing waste from the buildings for final disposal.
- (b) Facility Operations Plan and Permits: Available upon request.
- (c) Types of waste allowed and any restrictions: The facilities can accept C&D Waste, oversized MSW, MSW, scrap metal, commingled recyclables, clean wood, and Used Electronics. The facilities cannot accept hazardous waste.
- (d) Types of recyclables recovered and any restrictions: The facilities can recover recyclables such as wood, metal, concrete, fiber, etc. from C&D materials but are not permitted by DEEP permits to recover recyclables from MSW.
- (e) Method of handling special wastes, hazardous waste and any penalties: Please refer to the O&M Plan for the management of these materials if they are inadvertently delivered in a load. The customer is responsible for any and all costs incurred for the management of these materials if and when delivered.
- (f) Procedures for screening and rejecting incoming loads of wastes: All loads delivered are inspected upon dumping at each facility. The customer is notified of an unacceptable or non-processible waste and is responsible for the costs to manage unacceptable materials delivered by the Customer or on their behalf.

**ii. Recyclables Processing Facility - Berlin**

- (a) Physical description of processing facility: The Intermediate Processing Facility consists of a receiving building with a large tipping floor to be used by inbound vehicles. There

are scales for the weighing of trucks entering and exiting the facility. The processing building contains the equipment to process and sort single stream materials and to bale prior to shipment to end markets. The building also contains loading dock doors and 2 balers for the consolidation of recyclables and residue. The facility recently completed major upgrades and has a new state of the art single stream processing system.

- (b) Facility Operations Plan and Permits: Available upon request.
- (c) Types of waste allowed and any restrictions: The facility can accept commingled recyclables, source separated recyclables, clean wood, and Used Electronics and plastic film. The facility cannot accept hazardous waste.
- (d) Types of recyclables recovered and any restrictions: Plastics #1-7, tin cans, aluminum cans, OCC, mixed paper, glass, etc. (refer to CTRecycle What's In/What's Out)
- (e) Method of handling special waste, hazardous waste and any penalties: Please refer to the O&M Plan for the management of these materials if they are inadvertently delivered in a load. The customer is responsible for any and all costs incurred for the management of these materials if and when delivered.
- (f) Process inspection and evaluation of contamination levels (recyclables): Each load of recyclables delivered is inspected at the time of delivery by the operator on the tipping floor. A grading of the load is completed and relayed to the scale attendant. Any contamination is noted on the scale ticket that the driver receives when exiting the facility.
- (g) Contamination thresholds: Any load containing 15% or greater contamination will be considered unacceptable, and the entire load will be considered trash.
- (h) Procedures for screening and rejecting incoming loads of wastes: All loads delivered are inspected upon dumping at the facility. The customer is notified of an unacceptable or non-processible waste and is responsible for the costs to manage unacceptable materials delivered by the customer or on their behalf.

### **c. Overview**

USA and its affiliated companies currently have the facilities, equipment and staffing required to provide the services participating municipalities require and will be able to implement these services on July 1, 2025. All recyclable materials will be processed at the Murphy Road Recycling Berlin facility and will be marketed to end users and processors with which USA and its affiliates currently have relationships. All MSW will be transferred to fully permitted solid waste disposal facilities with which USA and its affiliates currently have relationships.

### **d. Qualifications**

USA and its affiliates have been providing solid waste and recycling services throughout Connecticut for over 50 years and the ownership and employees are committed to providing exceptional service to all its customers. This is exemplified through the company's ability to secure many municipal contracts over the years and to have never defaulted on a municipal contract.

## II. MSW AND RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING CHARGES

<u>Proposal 5 year Term</u>	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
MSW Per Ton	\$120.00	\$126.00	\$131.00	\$136.25	\$141.75
Maximum Recycling Fee Per Ton	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$55.00	\$65.00	\$75.00
Revenue Share Base Processing Fee (BPF)	\$98.43	\$102.37	\$106.46	\$110.72	\$115.15

<u>Proposal 10- year Term</u>	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031-35
MSW Per Ton	\$118.00	\$123.90	\$128.85	\$134.00	\$139.00	Prior Year + CPI
Maximum Recycling Fee Per Ton	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$55.00	\$65.00	\$75.00	Prior Year + CPI
Revenue Share Base Processing Fee (BPF)	\$98.43	\$102.37	\$106.46	\$110.72	\$115.15	Prior Year + CPI

### NOTES:

1. Maximum Recycling Fee Per Ton = The maximum the town will be charged per ton of recyclable materials regardless of any Base Processing Fee (BPF) and Average Commodity Rate (ACR) value.
2. BPF = The processing cost per ton of single stream recycling that is used in combination with the ACR to determine the recycling fee per ton.
3. ACR= Average Commodity Rate which is used to quantify the value of the recycling basket of goods for any given month to share that value with Litchfield.
4. CPI= Garbage and Trash Collection in U.S. city average, all. Series: CUUR0000SEHG02 (not to be negative).
5. Pricing for MSW and Residential Recyclables contingent on USA, or its affiliate, servicing both the MSW and Recycling materials streams.

A. **Comparison to MDA’s Opt Out Tip Fees:** The following examples can be used to compare USA’s proposal as a blended tip fee to MDA’s opt out tip fee for FY 2026 (\$126.80 v. \$136) & FY 2027 (\$132.70 v. \$141) (for all twelve “Torrington” towns).

**Example Per Ton Cost Year 1, FY 2026 (10-year term)**

	Tons <sup>1</sup>	Rate Per Ton	Total Cost
MSW	19,956	\$118.00	\$2,354,808.00
Single Stream Recyclables	3,904	\$45.00	\$175,680.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,860</b>		<b>\$2,530,488.00</b>
<b>USA’s Blended Rate (Total Cost/Tons of MSW)</b>			<b>\$126.80</b>

**Example Per Ton Cost Year 2, FY 2027 (10-year term)**

	Tons	Rate Per Ton	Total Cost
MSW	19,956	\$123.90	\$2,472,548.40
Single Stream Recyclables	3,904	\$45.00	\$175,680.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,860</b>		<b>\$2,648,228.40</b>
<b>USA’s Blended Rate (Total Cost/Tons of MSW)</b>			<b>\$132.70</b>

**Note:** The examples were calculated at the maximum recycling fee per ton. If recycling markets improve, these rates will be lower. **USA has capped any risk and will share revenue with participating municipalities.**

**MDA Per Ton Subsidized Cost Year 1, FY 2026**

	Tons	Rate Per Ton	Total Cost
MSW	19,956	\$136.00	\$2,714,016.00
Single Stream Recyclables	3,904	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,860</b>		<b>\$2,714,016.00</b>
<b>MDA’s Blended Rate (Total Cost/Tons of MSW)</b>			<b>\$136.00</b>

**MDA Per Ton Subsidized Cost Year 2, FY 2027**

	Tons	Rate Per Ton	Total Cost
MSW	19,956	\$141.00	\$2,813,796.00
Single Stream Recyclables	3,904	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,860</b>		<b>\$2,813,796.00</b>
<b>MDA’s Blended Rate (Total Cost/Tons of MSW)</b>			<b>\$141.00</b>

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<sup>1</sup> MDA’s publicly available FY 2024 actual tonnages used.

**III. RECYCLING ACR**

Single Stream Average Commodity Rate, Proposed		
<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Percent of Stream</u>	<u>Benchmark</u>
OCC #11	14.15%	P&PW New England Low OCC #11
PAPER (SRPN AND MIXED)	42.21%	P&PW New England Low #54
Glass- Mixed	18.43%	Fixed \$70.00/ton charge + annual 4% increase
Ferrous (NonAluminum)	1.82%	Recyclingmarkets.net Baled Low
Aluminum	0.36%	Recyclingmarkets.net Baled Low
Plastic-HDPE Natural	0.58%	Recyclingmarkets.net Low
Plastic- HDPE Pigmented	0.78%	Recyclingmarkets.net Low
Plastic- HDPE Mixed	0.47%	Recyclingmarkets.net Colored HDPE Low
Plastic-PET	1.85%	Recyclingmarkets.net Low
Plastic-Rigid Mixed	0.41%	Controlled Acceptable Solid Waste Price per Section I
Scrap Metals	0.94%	\$0
Single Stream	2.58%	Base Processing Fee
Residue	<u>15.42%</u>	Controlled Acceptable Solid Waste Price per Section I
	100.00%	

Note: Same ACR provided under Murphy Road Recycling’s agreement with the MDA

Example Recycling Calculations 10-year Proposal

1.     FY 2026 BPF:             \$ 98.43  
           -ACR Value:     \$ 30.00  
           Calculated Fee         \$68.43  
           ACR Cap Fee           \$45.00  
           Result:             \$45.00 Charge to Town
  
2.     FY 2026 BPF:             \$ 98.43  
           -ACR Value:     \$ 98.43  
           Calculated Fee         \$ 0.00  
           ACR Cap Fee           \$45.00  
           Result:             \$0.00 No Charge Nor Rebate to Town
  
3.     FY 2026 BPF:             \$ 98.43  
           -ACR Value:     \$ 108.43  
           Calculated Fee         (\$ 10.00)  
           ACR Cap Fee           \$45.00  
           Result:             \$5.00 Rebate to Town (50% Rebate)

**ATTACHMENT B**

(Attached)

**Secretary Jeffrey R. Beckham**  
Office of Policy & Management



October 7, 2024

Board of Directors  
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RE: MDA Wind Down Plan

Dear MIRA Dissolution Authority Directors:

As you are aware, the MIRA Dissolution Authority ("MDA") was established as a successor to the Materials Innovations and Recycling Authority ("MIRA") for the purposes of winding down the activities of the legacy MIRA entity. In the two-year window from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025, the MDA has been charged, in part, with (1) selling the MDA's surplus real and personal property, (2) finding alternative entities to operate the transfer stations, and (3) winding down the MDA's remaining operations and activities in an orderly fashion. On July 1, 2025, the Department of Administrative Services ("DAS") will become the successor to the MDA. In accordance with the legislation establishing the MDA, DAS will inherit the South Meadows site; all remaining MDA properties and activities must be completed or transferred to other entities prior to July 1, 2025.

We appreciate that the MDA staff has prepared the "Master Schedule and Plan for the Orderly Wind Down of Activities of the MIRA Dissolution Authority" ("Wind Down Plan") that was included in the MIRA Dissolution Authority Board Packet dated August 14, 2024. We are concerned, however, that the Wind Down Plan does not take adequate steps to ensure that the MDA's properties and activities, other than those associated with the South Meadows site, are transferred prior to DAS becoming the successor.

Currently the Wind Down Plan contains several non-definitive terms, such as "seek to complete," which do not comply with the MDA's statutorily mandated duty to discontinue the operations prior to July 1, 2025. Instead, the Wind Down Plan transfers many of these operations to DAS.

With the exception of taking custody and control of the South Meadows site and the duties pertaining to that function (described in greater detail below), DAS will not undertake any of the MDA's other operations. Thus, to assure a seamless transition to DAS, the MDA must complete all tasks required to cease operations by no later than June 30, 2025.

We welcome the opportunity to provide you with the specific roles and functions that the State is prepared to provide starting on July 1, 2025. Specifically, DAS will:

- Administer the adopted budget relating to the South Meadows Site;
- Determine and fulfill any required audit, insurance, annual-reporting, transparency-reporting and fiscal-reporting obligations related to the South Meadows site or, to the extent possible, the prior operations of the MDA and MIRA;
- Establish protocols for contractor, vendor, service providers for routine business transactions for the South Meadows site in advance of the Succession Date;
- Coordinate with MDA to determine which, if any, agreements will continue as of the Succession Date; and
- Assume all relevant activities to secure the facility and maintain it including relevant vendor contracts as needed.

DAS will not assume responsibility for any transfer station operations. Consequently, as part of its transition plan the MDA must:

- Complete transfers, sale and closure of such facilities in advance of July 1, 2025. This specifically includes completing sales and transfers of the Essex, Shelton and Torrington Transfer Stations;
- Complete the sale and transfer of landfills, plume control land, and ancillary facilities these properties to private parties or municipalities, including the approximately 310 acres of land associated with landfills in Ellington (and East Windsor), Shelton, Waterbury and Wallingford, and the Bridgeport Waste to Energy Facility Lease, Wallingford Plume Control Land and the Hartford Solar Project; and
- Wrap up business reports prior to July 1, 2025, such as vendor 1099s and 1042s, Income Reports, Monthly Billings and Accounts Receivable, Monthly Financial Reporting, Monthly Flow of Funds, and Monthly SEEC Reports.

We therefore request that the MDA Directors revise its Wind Down Plan to reflect that on July 1, 2025, DAS's sole responsibility relating to the Wind Down Plan shall be to assume the care and control of the South Meadows site.

We know that much work must be done to complete the above items prior to July 1, 2025, but it is critical that this work is accomplished. Understanding the task at hand, we are available to collaborate with you to achieve the goals set forth by the General Assembly.

Please be aware as you communicate with your contracted municipalities that DEEP stands ready to provide technical assistance to these impacted cities and towns to facilitate a smooth transition of waste management and disposal services after June 30, 2025. We believe that communication of such by MDA staff to these municipalities will provide for mutually beneficial outcomes for all involved as MDA winds down operations.

We look forward to continuing this conversation with you as you complete the task of shuttering MIRA.

Sincerely,



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