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via electronic mail

REQUESTED ACTION—Consider this letter a formal appeal of contract performance for a "Solid Waste Plan 'Update'" as specified under RFP 03-50

Hello Purchasing Agent Jeff Gossage:

Please consider this a formal appeal of any funds awarded under RFP 03-50 for a "Solid Waste Plan 'Update'". Solid waste contaminates drinking water in Tennessee, blights Nashville neighborhoods, and represents a lost opportunity for BURNT members and Nashville to utilize solid waste for jobs and business. The 'Update' will be considered by the Metro Regional Solid Waste Board on 18 December. We believe the "Solid Waste Plan 'Update'" is fraudulent

1. The stated and claimed "Waste Diversion Rate" of 54.4% (Table 5-2) is false. There is no infrastructure to support this claim. Reportedly, this "Waste Diversion Rate" will be adjusted down to 33% but there is no basis for that action.

2. Table 3-1 contains false, undocumented claims concerning the waste stream in Davidson County yet this is the entire foundation of the 'Update'.

3. There is absolutely no documentation to substantiate these claims about content of the waste stream or amounts of waste, which are routinely claimed to be precise down to the hundredth of a ton—20 pounds—out of a million ton waste stream.

Business and institutions in Nashville pay \$20 million annually to dispose of waste. This 'Update' exploits non-existent statistics to perpetuate wasteful landfilling.

Thank you

Bruce Wood
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ello Mr. Gossage and Mr. Edwards:

It is late Friday and I am writing each of you to see if I can be sent the specifications for a "Solid Waste Plan 'Update'" which may be either a portion of **RFP 03-50** or the entire Bid.

For your information please find attached a letter to the Metro Regional Solid Waste Board which is highly critical of this 'Update', particularly the statistics in Table 3-1 and Table 5-2 of the Update, the core of the Update, which are complete and utter fiction.

As described, there are many additional deficiencies.

This matter is scheduled to be voted on Thursday by the Regional Board.

We feel this strongly that the "Update" does not accurately reflect reality of solid waste in Nashville and, in point of fact, is a grave disservice to the tax payers of Davidson County.

Thank you

Bruce Wood

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