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August 16, 2019

Mr. Kevin L. Demosky, Director
Frederick County Division of Utilities and Solid Waste Management
4520 Metropolitan Court
Frederick, Maryland 21704

Dear Mr. Demosky:

The Maryland Department of the Environment (“MDE”) has completed its review of Frederick County’s (the “County”) July 1, 2019 progress report regarding the County’s review of the 2018-2037 Solid Waste Management Plan (the “Plan”). The County submitted the progress report to MDE for its review as required by Section 9-506(b) of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland. MDE received the progress report on July 1, 2019.

After review, in accordance with Section 9-507(a) of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, MDE tentatively approves the proposed changes relating to Fort Detrick in the Solid Waste Acceptance Facilities section, the first and third paragraphs on Page 3-31 of the Plan. MDE also acknowledges that the progress report fulfills the requirements of Section 9-506(b) of the Environment Article. The next progress report is due to MDE on or before **July 18, 2021**.

During the 2019 legislative session, the Maryland General Assembly passed Senate Bill 370 *Environment-Recycling-Office Buildings*. The law takes effect on October 1, 2019, and requires property owners of buildings that are 150,000 square feet or greater of office space to provide recycling receptacles for the collection and removal, for recycling, of paper and cardboard, metal, and plastic materials on or before **October 1, 2021**. In addition, the bill requires the County Recycling Plan to address the collection and recycling of recyclable materials from the affected office buildings by **October 1, 2020**. MDE recommends that the County develop a draft Plan amendment to address the requirements of the bill and submit to MDE for its tentative approval by **March 1, 2020**. MDE is in the process of developing guidance on Senate Bill 370 that will be distributed to the counties in near future.

Thank you for your continuing interest and cooperation in providing sound and long-term solid waste management planning for the County. If you have questions on these matters, please contact Mr. Tariq Masood at 410-537-3326 or tariq.masood@maryland.gov or you may contact me, at 410-537-3314 or dave.mrgich@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

David Mrgich, Chief
Waste Diversion Division

cc: Tariq Masood, Project Manager, MDE, Waste Diversion Division

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July 1, 2019

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RE: **Progress Report** - Frederick County Solid Waste Management Plan 2018-2037

Dear Mr. Masood:

This letter serves to provide the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) a progress report on Frederick County's recent review of its 20-year *Solid Waste Management Plan 2018-2037* ("Plan") in accordance with Section 9-506(b) of the Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

The current Plan, which covers the period of 2018-2037, was adopted on July 18, 2017, and approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment on October 31, 2017. This is the first progress report since the adoption of the Plan in 2017.

Subsequent to the adoption of the current 20-year Plan, Frederick County approved amendments to include Fort Detrick as a source of municipal solid waste disposed of at the Frederick County Landfill. The Plan was amended by County Council Resolution 18-26 dated October 16, 2018 and approved by MDE via a letter dated December 20, 2018.¹

Upon review of the Plan, two additional paragraphs regarding the Fort Detrick amendment require revisions, as indicated below:

- a. The first paragraph on Page 3-31 should be revised to read:

"The Fort Detrick landfill may accept incinerator ash, non-burnable waste, animal bedding and water treatment plant sludge. The landfill has historically received approximately 13 tons of waste weekly. Conversations with personnel at the Army Headquarters of Fort Detrick have provided general information concerning policies for solid waste management within the facility. The waste generated within the

¹ An account was established for Fort Detrick to dispose of waste in accordance with the County's agreement with Fort Detrick. Since the institution of the agreement, approximately 13 tons of waste have been disposed of at the Frederick County Landfill and Transfer Facility from this military post on a weekly basis.

facility may be disposed of on-site or off-site dependent on the post's needs, cost, capacity and many other variables. They may also utilize the County's waste management systems for disposal of certain MSW generated from the post."

- b. The third paragraph on Page 3-31 should be revised to read:

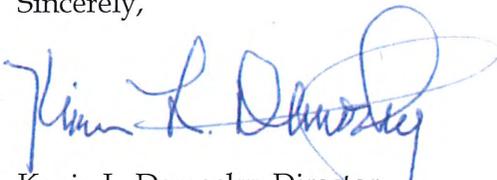
"Fort Detrick has four incinerators in the same building that have waste processing capabilities. Processable solid waste burned at the complex may include medical, residential, commercial, and institutional waste. The incinerator complex has historically processed approximately 11 tons of waste per day."

In addition to these revisions, the last sentence in the second paragraph under the heading of Source Reduction on Page 5-11 is incomplete in the current edition of the Plan. This sentence should read: "These credits are in addition to the Maryland Recycling Act (MRA) recycling rate calculations."

These revisions are deemed non-substantive and will be incorporated into the Plan when the document is next revised. Due to the simplicity and minor quantity of corrections, we have not submitted the changes as a separate enclosure to the letter. However, if MDE would prefer to see these changes incorporated and provided separately, please let us know

We trust this satisfies the MDE requirements for the Progress Report. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 600-2963, or via email at kdemosky@FrederickCountyMD.gov, or Mr. Phil Harris, Department Head, Department of Solid Waste Management at (301) 600-2923, or via email at pharris@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

Sincerely,



Kevin L. Demosky, Director
Division of Utilities and Solid Waste Management

cc: Phil Harris, Department Head; DUSWM Department of Solid Waste Management