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Re: NCES Landfill, Bethlehem, NH

Dear Bryan:

As we discussed by telephone today, the Attorney General's Office has received inquiries regarding representations made by Casella Waste Systems to the Securities and Exchange Commission on the status of local approvals for the landfill expansion in Bethlehem.

In particular, in SEC filings dated July 22 and August 20, 1998, Casella indicated that it had not received local approval for the landfill expansion and that if the approvals were not obtained, closure of the landfill would have to be initiated.

At the same time, Casella certified to DES when it requested construction approval that it had obtained all necessary local approvals.

I would appreciate any comment or explanation that you can provide on what appears to be an inconsistency between the SEC and DES filings.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maureen D. Smith".

Maureen D. Smith  
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cc: Philip J. O'Brien, Director, DES/WMD  
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