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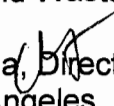
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To: Potential Solid Waste Facility Operators

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Local Enforcement Agency

Subject: Notification of the Availability of Temporary Solid Waste Facility Permit

The City of Los Angeles Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) is sending out this notification of the availability of temporary solid waste facility permits to eligible solid waste and recycling companies pursuant to 14 CCR 18218.5.

All solid waste facilities in the State of California are required to have a solid waste facility permit in order to operate pursuant to 44002 of the Public Resources Code. In the past these statutes applied only to landfills and transfer stations that dealt strictly with solid waste. Due to recent changes in the collection and processing of solid waste and recyclables and new regulations adopted by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB), many previously unregulated facilities, such as material recovery facilities and chipping and grind operations, may now be required to obtain a solid waste facility permit or cease operation.

In order to allow these unpermitted facilities to come into compliance, the state legislature passed AB 1473 that required the CIWMB to adopt emergency regulations to authorize the local enforcement agencies to issue temporary solid waste facility permits. On January 23, 2008, the CIWMB adopted the emergency regulations and on February 29, 2008 the regulations were submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for approval. These regulations will become effective immediately upon OAL's approval no later than 10 days.

There is an extremely short window of opportunity for facilities to take advantage of the temporary permit. Please review the new regulations on the CIWMB's website at www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Rulemaking/TempPermit/default.htm to determine if your facility qualifies for a temporary solid waste facility permit.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this subject, please contact Mr. David Thompson at david.thompson@lacity.org or (213) 978-0868.