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Subject: Landfill Cost Sharing "Pilot Program"

Dear Mr. Sweeney:

At our September 10, 1998 meeting I agreed to put together a letter describing the basic criteria the Department would like to see the communities meet who are participating in the landfill "pilot program". The pilot program will use bonding money from the state Environmental Fund to assist participating communities in implementing suitable remedial actions at several former municipal landfill sites. It is intended as a "bridge" from our history of "no direct help" to the anticipated municipal low interest loan program. We anticipate that the loan program will be implemented in the not-too-distant future.

The three criteria that the Department has, at this time, are described below:

1. The community has submitted documentation to the Department's Bureau for Remediation & Redevelopment which demonstrates that the community has made a legitimate effort to pursue settlement agreements with as many RP's as possible through the "local governmental unit negotiation and cost recovery" process provided for under Sec. 292.35, Wis. Stats.
2. The community has developed a Remedial Action Plan that has been reviewed by Department staff and is acceptable to the Department.
3. A detailed cost estimate for implementation/construction of the remedial action has been provided to the Department.

Once these basic criteria have been met the Department will reimburse remedial action construction costs, as agreed to between the Department and the municipality, up to the amounts previously suggested by Secretary Meyer. Those amounts are:

Waukesha (W. Ave. Landfill)	\$1.50 million
Amery	\$.35 million
Rice Lake	\$.75 million
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$2.60 million</u>

At this time there is a \$3 million "cap" on the bonding funds that have been allocated for the pilot program. This would leave approximately \$.4 million available for the City of Grafton (Lime Kiln Landfill) and the Town of Grafton (Denow Landfill) which have both expressed an interest in participating in the pilot program. It is possible that additional funds could be allocated for the pilot program if the Department decides that it would further benefit the interests of the state to do so.



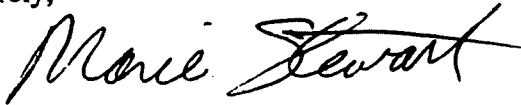
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In terms of the bonding money continuing to be available, it is automatically carried over into the next fiscal year. As long as the bonding money committed to the pilot program remains unspent it will be carried over until it is utilized as intended or the pilot program ends.

I hope this letter answers most of the questions you have about the status of the landfill pilot program and its available funding. Please keep me posted on your progress and feel free to call me with any additional questions you might have at 608-267-2465.

Sincerely,



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