

To: House Natural Resources and Energy Committee  
From: Susan Alexander, Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District

Last week's testimony included some thoughts on the implementation of Act 148 and meeting the requirements of ANR's Material Management Plan so I will not repeat that here. The LRSWMD appreciates the opportunity to contribute to your discussions of solid waste issues in Vermont. We have a diverse demographic from a very busy tourist town with over 1000 bedrooms that turn over daily to very rural communities with houses located miles apart; each has its unique challenges for proper management of discarded materials.

I wanted to follow up on Rep. Ellis question about the fee for C&D material at our Stowe facility. The "tipping fee" customers pay to drop C&D at Stowe is \$155/ton. Of that \$14 is for the LRSWMD "surcharge". Then, there are 2 paths the C&D follow at the Stowe drop off center. First, if the C&D goes into our hopper/compactor then \$61/ton of the \$155 is for hauling and disposal via Casella. Second, if the C&D goes into a roll-off box at our Stowe facility we pay \$159 to Sweet Trucking to be hauled to Hyde Park. Those roll off boxes are 40-yard containers and they hold anywhere from 1.5 to 4 tons depending on the material (asphalt shingles pack densely whereas mattresses, wood framing, and metal contain lots of airspace). So the per ton hauling fee is determined by the weight of the box hauled. Once at Hyde Park an additional \$69/ton is charged by Casella for the disposal of the C&D hauled there in a box. The remainder of the \$155/ton fee covers operations and maintenance (Stowe is open 6 days per week) including labor and benefits.

Regarding the loss of surcharge for materials that are diverted we clearly support diversion over fees. However, it is our understanding of C&D processing facilities that there is a significant residual that is sent to landfills or incinerators. That residual represents surcharge that is not paid to Districts. So if 50 tons of C&D are diverted for recycling and 25 of those tons are landfilled then there is a \$320 surcharge is due to the District.

Thank you for working with Districts and providing this opportunity for discussion of our solid waste management programs and challenges.

With appreciation,

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