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The Honorable David Deen, Chair
House Committee of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife
115 State Street
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Sent via email: Christy Ketchel, cketchel@legstate.vt.us

RE: Testimony support of H.560-Conservation and development; hazardous waste; household and hazardous substances.

Dear Representative Deen and Committee Members:

My name is James O'Gorman and I am the District Manager for the Rutland County Solid Waste District (RCSWD). We serve approx... 47,000 residents in the county. I have been the District Manager for almost 15 years and have worked in local government for over 25 years. In my capacity I oversee our Household Hazardous Waste Program. The RCSWD has had a year round drop off facility for hazardous waste for over 20 years. We accept business and household hazardous waste. Also, we conduct one day events at each of the town transfer stations from April through October each year to collect hazardous waste. We will hold 33 events this year (see attached schedule).

We feel that this service is very necessary and is a responsible part of environmental product stewardship for Vermonters. Since 2009, RCSWD has collected over 260 tons of hazardous material. As of 2015 with the inclusion of the Paint Care Program we have seen our tonnage rates more than triple from an average of 15 tons a year to an average of 60 tons a year.

The biggest problem with the program is the disposal costs associated with collections. The RCSWD contracts out with Clean Harbors. They will come and pick up the flammable materials, pesticides, oily debris and any other miscellaneous material that we receive. During a typical year our disposal costs are around \$60,000 to \$75,000. The cost of labor for having a year round facility and providing the convenience to residents with the rural collections gets expensive along with the other disposal costs. The RCSWD usually runs a deficit of \$100,000 to \$130,000 a year in this department each year for providing this service. This includes the grants the District receives each year for the Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) and Pesticides grant, a total of approximately \$40,000 a year.

The proposed fees on the products that manufacturers make and sell in the State of Vermont is clearly the way to generate the funds necessary to assist with the running of these valuable programs.

As seen with the models of Extended Producer Responsibility in Vermont with electronic waste, batteries, mercury lamps, mercury thermostats and paint, collection rates soar when convenience is built in to the program. Removal of disposal fees and improved collection infrastructure cannot be underestimated in the success of these programs.

Support of H.560 is an effort to relieve the financial strains put upon municipalities to continue to hold these programs.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,



James O'Gorman
District Manager

Rutland County SWD Rural Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

APRIL 7

GLEASON ROAD HHW DEPOT OPEN 7:00AM - 3:00PM
OPEN ALL SATURDAYS THROUGH THE SUMMER

DRAFT
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APRIL 14

APRIL 21

CASTLETON
8:00AM - 11:30AM

POULTNEY
12:30PM - 3:30PM

APRIL 28

KILLINGTON
8:00AM - 12:00

MAY 5

PROCTOR
12:00PM - 3:00PM

MAY 12

BRANDON
8:00AM - 11:00AM

PITTSFORD
12:00PM - 3:00PM

MAY 19

DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S
8:00AM - 10:00AM

WELLS
11:00AM - 2:00PM

MAY 26

Memorial Day Holiday

JUNE 2

GLEASON ROAD HHW DEPOT OPEN 7:00AM - 3:00PM

JUNE 9

WALLINGFORD
8:00AM - 10:30AM

CLARENDON
11:00AM - 1:00PM

JUNE 16

CASTLETON
8:00AM - 11:30AM

POULTNEY
12:00PM - 3:00PM

JUNE 23

MT. HOLLY
8:00AM - 12:00PM

JUNE 30

BRANDON
8:00AM - 11:00AM

PITTSFORD
12:00PM - 3:00PM

JULY 7

GLEASON ROAD HHW DEPOT OPEN 7:00AM - 3:00PM

JULY 14

CASTLETON
8:00AM - 11:30AM

POULTNEY
12:30PM - 3:30PM

JULY 21

IRA
8:00AM - 10:00AM

WEST RUTLAND
10:30 AM - NOON

JULY 28

DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S
8:00AM - 10:00AM

WELLS
11:00AM - 2:00PM

AUG 4

GLEASON ROAD HHW DEPOT OPEN 7:00AM - 3:00PM

AUG 11

AUG 18

CASTLETON
8:00AM - 11:30AM

POULTNEY
12:00PM - 3:00PM

AUG 25

WEST RUTLAND
8:00AM - 11:00AM

SEPT 1

GLEASON ROAD HHW DEPOT OPEN 7:00AM - 3:00PM

SEPT 8

MT. HOLLY
8:00AM - 12:00PM

SEPT 15

DANBY/MT. TABOR @ DANBY T.S
11AM - 3PM

WELLS
11:00AM - 2:00PM

SEPT 22

KILLINGTON
8:00AM - 12:00

SEPT 29

WALLINGFORD
8:00AM - 10:30AM

CLARENDON
11:00AM - 1:00PM

OCT 6

PROCTOR
12:00PM - 3:00PM

OCT 13

BRANDON
8:00AM - 11:00AM

PITTSFORD
12:00PM - 3:00PM

OCT 20

OCT 27

questions call: 802-775-7209; 802-770-1333 OR VISIT WWW.RCSWD.COM

2018 HHW RURAL COLLECTION SCHEDULE