



TO: CRCOG Executive Committee

FROM: Peter Souza, Municipal Services Committee Chairperson
Windsor Town Manager

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RE: Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Issue

This spring, the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) made a presentation to the CRCOG Policy Board outlining issues and concerns regarding the planned June 2022 shutdown of the MIRA waste to energy facility located in the Hartford South Meadows. The primary concern is that, at this time, there is not a clear strategy or plan in place to handle roughly 500,000 tons of MSW that will be “displaced” when the waste to energy facility ceases to operate in less than 12 months. CCSWA and others have termed this an impending municipal solid waste.

Following the Policy Board meeting, the Municipal Services Committee met with members of CCSWA. A task team comprised of both groups have met several times over the summer to discuss this matter further.

The consensus of the task team is that it would be very appropriate for the CRCOG Policy Board to “weigh in” with the State of Connecticut on this important regional matter this fall. In the task team’s view, there is a clear need for stronger leadership from DEEP and other state officials to be partners in developing both short-term action plans and a longer term sustainable vision related to MSW.

We respectfully request to confer with the Executive Committee relative to potential roles or approaches for CRCOG in this important regional matter prior to a possible discussion with the full Policy Board.

Attached is a set of slides prepared by MIRA that outlines the overall challenge with the impending closure of the South Meadows facility.

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