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Sent via Email

Mr. Paul Pogorzelski, Business Administrator / Engineer
Township of Hopewell
201 Washington Crossing – Pennington Road
Titusville, NJ 08560

Dear Mr. Pogorzelski:

As you are aware, Mercer County’s Curbside Recycling Program through the Mercer County Improvement Authority (MCIA) requires residents to source separate their recycling in either a yellow (cans and bottles) or green (mixed paper) container (dual stream). Over the last year and a half, the MCIA has diligently explored various cost saving measures to the current recycling program and determined that a modification to our collection strategy was inevitable.

The MCIA is pleased to announce that as a result of our research and cost savings measures, effective January 1, 2010, the MCIA is switching from the current dual stream collection system to that of a single stream collection system. Single stream collection is a system that allows haulers to place all acceptable recyclable material in one truck, thereby reducing the amount of trucks on the road, reducing the personnel needed to collect the material and ultimately reducing the emissions from the trucks during normal operation. Residents are still able to separate into the existing yellow and green buckets, or combine materials into one. Ultimately, there will be no changes experienced by the residents. Most importantly is the reduction in cost to each of our participating municipalities.

Based on the existing Interlocal Agreement with your municipality expiring in 2012, the recycling collection cost for your town in calendar 2010 would have been \$182,696. However based on your town’s current number of households as well as our collection modification strategy, we are pleased to share the new cost to Hopewell Township for 2010 will be \$154,881 a savings of \$27,815. There is no action required by your municipality to achieve these savings and the resultant three year savings is \$95,406.

For your reference, the additional costs for the remainder of the Interlocal Agreement term will be as follows:

Interlocal Agreement Term	Cost to the Town/Municipality
Jan. 1, 2011 – Dec. 31, 2011	\$157,848
Jan. 1, 2012 – Dec. 31, 2012	\$160,621

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dan Napoleon, Chief of Recycling at 609-278-8086.

Sincerely,

Phillip S. Miller,
Executive Director