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**Re: Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan Review and Draft Liquid Waste Management Plan**

Dear Ms. Bailey,

Thank you for your letter regarding Metro Vancouver's Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) review, as well as your letters to me and Chair Lois Jackson regarding Metro Vancouver's draft Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP), all dated May 29, 2009. We also received detailed written comments from your staff in the Lower Mainland Region on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, concerning the draft LWMP, and on June 11, 2009, regarding the AECOM Report on options for managing waste after recycling.

Throughout the SWMP and LWMP review processes, we have met with your staff in the Lower Mainland Region to discuss progress and to address input from the Ministry of Environment.

All input received by Metro Vancouver has been or will be considered before finalizing the SWMP and LWMP. All issues and requests for information we receive are noted and responses are provided by Metro Vancouver in an issue/response document. For the recent consultation phase of the SWMP, this document was included with a consultation report that was sent to the Metro Vancouver Waste Management Committee and Board of Directors for information in May 2009 and posted on our website. For the LWMP, the issue/response document and consultation report will be submitted to the Waste Management Committee and Board in September 2009.

Another phase of consultation on the SWMP will take place this fall once the draft SWMP has been presented to the Waste Management Committee and Board and the proposed consultation process has been approved. We will also submit a revised LWMP to the Board in the fall, followed by a final review by Metro Vancouver members and then submission to the Ministry of Environment for approval.

Thank you for your ongoing contributions to the review of Metro Vancouver's SWMP and LWMP. I look forward to working with you on these processes until the plans are finalized.

Sincerely,

Johnny Carline  
Commissioner/Chief Administrative Officer  
JC/MG/SE/sb

- cc: Lois Jackson, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board of Directors
- Fred Nenner, Regional Utility Planning Division Manager, Metro Vancouver
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