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RE: EPA-OSWER-ORCR-09-03

Dear Mr. Pearce:

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The Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan interstate association that has a membership composed of the hazardous waste, solid waste, waste site cleanup, and pollution prevention program directors for the environmental agencies in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont. NEWMOA's mission is to develop and sustain an effective partnership of states that helps achieve a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment by exploring, developing, promoting, and implementing environmentally sound solutions for:

- Reducing materials use and preventing pollution and waste,
- Properly reusing and recycling discarded materials that have value,
- Safely managing solid and hazardous wastes, and
- Remediating contaminated sites.

Please accept this letter of support for the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO) proposal in response to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Request for Proposal (RFP) for the "RCRA State Implementation Support Grant."

ASTSWMO successfully facilitates State participation in the development and implementation of regulations, policies, guidance, programs and goals and, like NEWMOA, has been at the forefront in identifying emerging solid and hazardous waste issues at both the State and Federal levels. For example, NEWMOA has been invited to demonstrate our latest version of the Northeast Waste Management Officials' (NEWMOA) beneficial use database at ASTSWMO's Solid Waste Managers Conference in June 2009. ASTSWMO provides the forum for NEWMOA, which is a regional organization, to share our latest work with waste program officials around the country.

NEWMOA strongly supports ASTSWMO's application for the RCRA State Implementation Support Grant. We believe that, if selected, ASTSWMO will continue to benefit both EPA and the States' implementation of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and collaborate with regional environmental associations to facilitate State participation in regulatory and policy programs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-367-8558 x301.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Gulka". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Gulka".

Gary Gulka
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cc: Mary Zdanowicz, ASTSWMO