

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Public Works Department

MASTE MANAGEMENT

March 23, 1994

John M. Ruddell, Director
Division of Waste Management
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Twin Towers Office Building
2600 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400

RE: Yard Waste Disposal Variance #SWV 91-7

March 1994 Status Report

CAO File: 1144-061

Dear Mr. Ruddell:

As you are aware, the Variance granted to Manatee County and subsequently renewed by the Department requires Manatee County to file a yearly status report regarding our progress to eliminate yard waste from being deposited into the landfill.

As we have previously reported to the Department, the procurement process had been halted until January 19, 1993, by protests from the second-ranked proposer.

The progress has further been slowed by a group of citizens who believe that composting is not the direction that Manatee County should be headed. This push was further accelerated by the Department's citing of the Sumter County composting facility operated by Amerecycle, the top ranked proposer, in April, 1993. The newspaper accounts of these violations raised citizen concern and further delayed the negotiation process until information could be obtained for the Board of County Commissioners as to the nature and severity of the violations.

In addition, Manatee County felt it prudent to determine what Governor Chiles' September, 1993, order directing the Department to review composting rules would actually do to the needs of the County and the Amerecycle proposal. Members of my staff attended the workshop held by the Department's Technical Advisory Committee in the Tampa District Office on September 20, 1993.

Because of the large price tag on the facility and the long term commitment that the Board of County Commissioners is about to engage in, financial responsibility of the proposer has been a key concern during contract negotiations and much time has been spent

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trying to determine whether the proposal can work from a financial as well as a technical standpoint.

During the interim period, the County has added one recycling dropoff center, making a total of nine, to try to make it more convenient for residents to remove recyclable materials from the waste stream.

During the 1993 calendar year, Manatee County continued its yard waste mulching efforts. Kenetech Resource Recovery, Inc. maintains a full-time staff at the landfill and processed approximately 21,586 tons of mulch. The Board of County Commissioners is engaged in a program of donating this mulch to non-profit and governmental entities for re-use. Resale to other users is also contemplated.

It is the intent of the County to enter into a contract for a County-wide Recycling/Waste Reduction Program that will be able to meet and exceed the goals set forth in the Solid Waste Management Act and all foreseeable future State and Federal mandates.

While the County is behind where it expected to be at this point with its program, a majority of the delays have been outside of the County's control.

We sincerely and respectfully ask that you continue to extend our yard waste variance based on our previous requests and the good faith efforts thus far expended as shown in the enclosures. We will, of course, continue to keep you updated on the status of this issue.

Should the Variance from the Statutory mandate not be extended, Manatee County will still experience the same hardships that the Department recognized in our previous requests.

Manatee County requests the Department's understanding of its obligation to properly investigate and satisfy Commission inquiries and to our citizens' requests for educational forums. We are certain that the Department would not want the County to sign a multi-million dollar contract without fully exploring the ramifications of that action. Please be aware that this County has not changed the direction of its course in achieving a highly effective, cost-efficient solid waste management/waste reduction program, however, we have experienced unforeseen delays in the actual implementation of the various phases of our program. We are currently undertaking negotiations with Amerecycle with the expectation of contract execution and construction implementation in the next six months.

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My staff and I would be happy to meet with you and your staff to further discuss the renewal of this variance, if this would be beneficial.

Your cooperation and assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you require further information at this time, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Wilford

Director

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Enclosures

cc: William J. Estabrook, County Administrator

H. Hamilton Rice, Jr., County Attorney

Mary Jean Yon, Administrator, Solid Waste Section, DEP

KENETECH Resource Recovery, Inc. * * *, I N V O I C E * * *

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