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March 29, 1993

Mr. Richard A. Wilford, Director
Manatee County Public Works Department
Post Office Box 25010
Bradenton, Florida 34206

Dear Mr. Wilford:

Thank you for your letters dated February 26 and March 18 about the possible extension of the Manatee County variance (#SWV 91-7) for yard trash disposal. I appreciate the progress reports you've furnished concerning the County's attempt to construct a waste reduction/recycling facility and I look forward to discussing this in more detail before the Department makes a final decision concerning the extension of this variance.

As you know, the existing variance is valid until April 17, 1993 and stipulates that Manatee County shall select a vendor, finalize the design of the waste reduction/recycling facility, and begin construction of the facility before this date. A one-year extension of the variance is possible if the Department determines that Manatee County is in substantial compliance with its proposed timeframe for completion of the facility. During the time it takes for us to make that determination, the Department will treat your request for extension the same way we treat requests for permit renewals; that is, your variance will remain in effect until the Department takes action on your request.

I have been in contact with Mark Barnebey and Jeffrey Steinsnyder of your County Attorney's office concerning this matter and it is my understanding that a meeting has been arranged for April 9 at 2:00 p.m. to review the County's progress to date. The meeting will be held at our Southwest District office which is located at 3804 Coconut Palm Drive, Tampa, Florida. Bill Kutash and his staff from the District Office will join us in this meeting. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 904/922-6104.

Sincerely,

Mary Jean Yon, Administrator
Solid Waste Section

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