

**MANATEE COUNTY
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Public Works Department

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DIVISION OF
WASTE MANAGEMENT

Re: Additional Information - Yard Waste Disposal
Intent To Grant Variance - March 1, 1993
Status Report

Dear Mr. Ruddell:

As was required by the above noted intent and to again reinforce our commitment to meet the conditions of the Intent To Grant Variance in a good faith manner, the following additional information is presented for your review.

As previously stated February 26, 1993, in Manatee County's Status Report, on October 13, 1992, the Board of County Commissioners approved the ranking of firms to conduct Manatee County's Recycling/Waste Reduction Program. The firm chosen was The American Recycling Company, Inc. (Amerecycle). The Board of County Commissioners' decision was then protested by the second ranked firm; ultimately, the protest was denied.

It was also noted that the time frame allowed for filing of a protest and subsequent review hearings caused a stay in the on-going procurement process and delayed Manatee County a minimum of six months in our proposed development calendar.

Also noted, in order to respond to constituents' request for public education on the matter, the Board of County Commissioners scheduled an educational forum for the public on February 15, 1993. Through this letter, Manatee County confirms that this event did take place as scheduled.

In addition, it was noted that there would be two additional forums and both events were to be conducted prior to March 16, 1993. Through this letter, Manatee County confirms that these two events did take place as scheduled.

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Per the February 26, 1993, status report, Manatee County reported that on March 16, 1993, Public Works would request the Board of County Commissioners' re-affirmation and support for the chosen program. Through this letter, Manatee County confirms that on March 16, 1993, the Board of County Commission authorized staff to enter into contract negotiations with the top-ranked firm, The American Recycling Co., Inc., subject to financial review by County financial advisors. Staff is expediently preparing and readying to move forward with financial review and contract negotiations.

As previously reported, Manatee County continues its present mulching operation addressing 1,557 tons per month of commercial yard/wood debris.

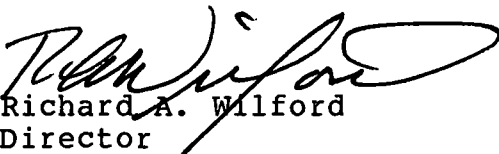
With this additional information, Manatee County again sincerely and respectfully asks that you continue to extend the yard waste variance based on our original request, this additional information, and the good faith efforts thus far expended.

Should the Variance from the Rule not be extended, Manatee County will still experience the same hardships that DER recognized in our original information response.

Manatee County again requests DER's understanding of our obligation to properly respond to a vendor's protest and to our citizens' request for educational forums, albeit these responses are time consuming. As you can determine from our status reports, this County has not changed the direction of its course in achieving a highly effective, cost-efficient solid waste management/waste reduction program in the best interest of our County and citizens with the intent to meet and/or exceed all of DER requirements.

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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