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PASCO COUNTY UTILITIES

March 14, 1991

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Douglas S. Bramlett  
Assistant County Administrator  
Utilities Services Branch  
Pasco County Government Complex  
7536 State Street  
New Port Richey, Florida 34654

Re: Yard Trash Disposal

Dear Mr. Bramlett:

In your letter of February 12, you asked whether Pasco County could continue to landfill yard trash in a lined Class III landfill after January 1, 1992.

Section 403.708(15)(c), F.S., prohibits the disposal of yard trash in landfills "except in unlined landfills classified by Department rule." The law does not distinguish between Class I and Class III landfills, and the Department does not intend to interpret the statute to create such a distinction. The purpose of the law is to encourage composting and recycling of yard trash, which purpose the Department fully supports.

Your letter mentioned that Pasco County was planning a yard trash composting operation in the future. If you wish to seek relief from the statutory requirement for a limited time while the composting operation is completed, you may file a request for a variance pursuant to Section 403.201, F.S., and Rule 17-103.100, F.A.C.

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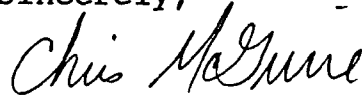
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If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to call me at (904) 488-9730.

Sincerely,



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