

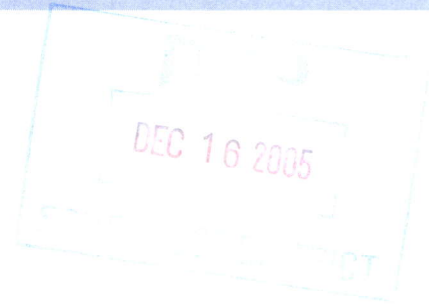


MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Utility Operations Department

December 14, 2005

Susan J. Pelz, P.E.
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Florida Department of Environmental Protection
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**RE: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program
Manatee County**

Dear Ms. Pelz:

Since its initial inception, the Manatee County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program has become quite successful, and extremely popular with our residents. This past fiscal year, the program served 4,711 residents with their household chemicals, and 2,055 residents with their E-Scrap disposal needs. Monthly collections are held at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at the Landfill. As an outreach to the community and to provide user friendly service to our citizens, mobile household hazardous waste collection events expand to various areas of the County throughout the year. Obviously, these events include increased staffing, and our contracted vendors on site. At days end, all collected material is properly managed and removed from the collection site.

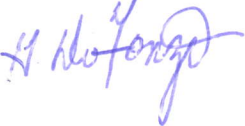
Currently at the Landfill, in relation to the location of our Household Hazardous Waste Facility, we have been experiencing some operational constraints with our Household Hazardous Waste/E-Scrap Collection Program. With the delay of the construction of our new facilities, landfill disposal operations beginning in Stage III, and various construction activities, we are experiencing severe space constraints to operate, and manage traffic flow.

For the safety and convenience of our residents, Landfill Operations plans to temporarily operate mobile collection events along the northwest outer boundary of Stage II, contiguous to the access road. As with our mobile collections throughout the County, our contracted vendors will be on site to assist county staff, and at days end all collected material will be properly collected, managed, transported to the household hazardous waste facility, and/or removed from site. This plan will alleviate the existing space crunch we are experiencing, and provide our residents with a safe, efficient, hard road surface to travel on as they participate in this very important program.

With our present and pending construction activities, along with our disposal fill sequence plan, it is most likely we will need to operate with a mobile type collection until our new facilities are completed. We are anticipating an approximate two (2) year timeframe for completion of the new facilities.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Gus DiFonzo, Manager
Solid Waste Division

GD/cp

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