



MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 19, 2013

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Council
Members

FROM: Andrew H. Quigley
Director
Environmental Services

SUBJECT: Termination of an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Tucson and Pima County for the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Education Program.

The Regional Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection and Education Program has been in existence since 1989, jointly funded by the City of Tucson and Pima County. This program serves City residents, residents of unincorporated Pima County, and small businesses. On December 12, 2013, Pima County sent written notification of their intent to terminate their financial participation in the HHW program effective July 1, 2014. (See attachment)

The current IGA between the City of Tucson (City) and Pima County (County), dated September 2011, provides for termination as follows: "Termination as to any Party shall take place automatically at the end of any fiscal year in which that Party delivers written termination notice to the other parties at least 90 days before the end of that fiscal year."

Over the next several months, County and City staff will meet to ensure a smooth transition of the HHW program and to continue to provide services to the residents and small businesses of the City of Tucson. We will also discuss whether or not there is interest in offering HHW services on a cost of service basis to those outside of the City. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this correspondence.

Attachment

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cc: Richard Miranda, City Manager
Kelly Gottschalk, Assistant City Manager
Martha Durkin, Assistant City Manager
Albert Elias, Assistant City Manager
Blake Ashley, Assistant City Attorney
Nancy Petersen, Deputy Director
Francis LaSala, Environmental Manager



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CERTIFIED MAIL

December 12, 2013

Andrew Quigley, Director
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Dear Mr. Quigley:

I am writing to notify you that Pima County plans to terminate its participation in the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program effective July 1, 2014. In accordance with Section 10 of the Intergovernmental Agreement, the County is providing timely notice of such termination.

Although Pima County supports the goals of the HHW program, at this time the many competing funding priorities have resulted in our decision to cease participation in HHW. We wish the City continued success in future operations of the program. As we have noted in the past, we encourage you to seek financial participation from all benefitting jurisdictions in the region. We look forward to a discussion of how to arrange a smooth transition and address the current HHW activities in unincorporated Pima County and County solid waste management facilities.

Please contact me at 724-7454 with any questions or for further discussions about this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ursula Kramer".

Ursula Kramer, P.E.
Director, PDEQ

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cc: C. H. Huckelberry, County Administrator, Pima County
John M. Bernal, Deputy County Administrator, Pima County
Jackson Jenkins, Director, RWRD, Pima County
Nancy Peterson, Deputy Director, Dept. of Environmental Services, City of Tucson