CITY OF TUCSON
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

May 9, 2011

Mr. John Bernal
Deputy County Administrator
Pima County
130 W. Congress
Tucson, AZ 85701-1317

Re: Household Hazardous Waste Program (HHW) – Pima County's Notice of IGA Termination and Future Program Options

Dear Mr. Bernal:

The City of Tucson is in receipt of Pima County's 90-day written notice of termination (dated April 1, 2011) for the existing HHW Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), with termination effective June 30, 2011. In the same letter, Pima County offered to continue funding for this program under a new IGA at a reduced share, to support services for unincorporated Pima County residents only. The reduced share, as previously agreed, would be based on population, 2009 Census data. This share is 35.9% of program costs and in FY12 $236,000.

To begin discussions on a new agreement, on April 26, 2011, City staff met with your staff and provided operational and financial information for the HHW program. Based on the reduced Pima County funding the monthly 1-day outreach collection held in Northwest Pima County (440 W. Calle Concordia) and all additional 1-day outreach collections held in outlying areas, including Oro Valley, Marana and Sahuarita events would be eliminated. The following components would continue in the new joint program:

- Service at all the County/City landfills and transfer station ABOP (antifreeze, battery, oil and paint) drop-off locations.
- Service for Pima County residents at the Main HHW facility, located at 2440 W. Sweetwater Drive, with a per car use fee assessed for residents of a jurisdiction not contributing financially to the program.
- One-day collection events within the City, monthly one day collection events at two City locations.
- Two annual events for the residents of the Green Valley community.
- Operation of the Small Business Waste Assistance Program.

If the proposed option is acceptable to Pima County, the City of Tucson is prepared to provide services through a newly negotiated IGA or on a contract basis. As there are only two Northwest outreach events left prior to termination of the IGA, and timely notice must be provided to residents using this location, the City requests a response from Pima County by May 13, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Andrew Quigley at 837-3777.

Sincerely,

Richard Miranda
Deputy City Manager

cc: Andrew H. Quigley, Director, City of Tucson Environmental Services
Jackson Jenkins, Director, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department
Jeff Prevatt, Compliance and Regulatory Affairs Manager, Pima County

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May 12, 2011

Mr. Richard Miranda
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Re: Household Hazardous Waste Program

Dear Mr. Miranda:

Pima County is in receipt of your May 9, 2011 letter outlining future Household Hazardous Waste program options. Based on the absence of any funding from the communities of Oro Valley, Marana and Sahuarita, we agree with your proposal to eliminate the outreach collection events in these communities. Residents of these areas will not be precluded from participation in the HHW program but a nominal fee may be assessed.

We also agree with the remaining provisions identified in your letter with the exception of the Tucson Estates collection site. The Tucson Estates collection site was not mentioned in your letter but it is in the unincorporated area of Pima County and, given the high rate of participation at this site, an annual collection event at this location should be continued.

Pima County looks forward to working with the City of Tucson on the development of a new IGA for this program.

Sincerely,

John M. Bernal
Deputy County Administrator

Cc: C.H. Huckelberry, County Administrator
Jackson Jenkins, Director, Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department
Jeff Prevatt, Compliance and Regulatory Affairs Manager, Pima County
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