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## MEMORANDUM

**To** Contract Haulers  
**From** Dante G. Ionata  
**Date** 17 March 2005  
**Subject** Proposal to license haulers

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The R.I. Resource Recovery Corp. is working with the Department of Environmental Management and the Statewide Planning Program to update the R.I. Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, which serves as a blueprint for RIRRC's decision-making. This is a 20-year plan which must also be adopted by DEM. Furthermore, it must be adopted by the State Planning Council because it also serves as the solid waste management element of the State Guide Plan -- the State's Master Plan. It will update the one adopted in November 1996.

The Plan sets forth the solid waste management problems that must be solved and proposes programs, activities, and facilities to be undertaken by RIRRC, DEM, other State agencies, and the municipalities to address those problems over the next 20 years.

Staffs of the three agencies are working with a stakeholders committee, consisting of haulers, commercial recyclers, municipalities, the Town of Johnston, solid waste engineers and planners, environmental organizations, and the business community. The stakeholders committee, called the Working Group, has been meeting in public at RIRRC every two weeks to finalize a draft Plan for submission to the three agencies for formal adoption. All comments and recommendations of the Working Group, which is advisory, are considered by the three agencies, and most are incorporated into the Plan.

**At the March 1 and March 15 meetings, the Working Group discussed the advantages and disadvantages of licensing haulers as a means of improving the removal of recyclables from the commercial waste stream for the purpose of recycling. Working Group members recommended that the Plan include a proposal that DEM seek the legislative authority to issue such licenses.**

**THEREFORE, THE MEETING OF MARCH 29 WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL THAT THE R.I. COMPREHENSIVE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE A RECOMMENDATION THAT SOLID WASTE HAULERS SHOULD BE LICENSED BY DEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING COMMERCIAL RECYCLING.**

**THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 9 A.M. TUESDAY, MARCH 29 IN THE RIRRC BOARD ROOM. YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND YOU MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSION WHICH MAY BE STRUCTURED. LET ME KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.**

If you have any questions you may call me at 942-1430, ext. 128.