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MEMORANDUM

**PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL
JOINT DEFENSE PRIVILEGE**

TO: Coventry Landfill Group
FROM: David B. Graham
DATE: April 9, 2018
RE: **Status Report**

In September, 2014, the Town and six companies entered into a Remedial Action Consent Decree with the State to remediate the conditions at the Coventry Landfill. These parties formed the Coventry Landfill Remedial Action Group ("PRP Group") and selected an engineering firm, GZA, to develop a closure plan for the landfill.

On-site remediation of the landfill began in 2014. Since that time, the DiGregorio has utilized approximately 149,850 tons of "Beneficial Use Determination" (or "BUD") material overseen by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management to shape and grade the landfill. The process of capping the landfill is projected to be completed between 2020 and 2021. During this period, landfill contaminants have been treated to reduce their concentration in order to minimize the leaching of these contaminants into the groundwater. While the neighboring Centre of New England complex and the residential community between the landfill and Lake Tiogue are connected to public water supplies and, thus, not exposed to any level of contaminants, the goal remains to minimize the amount of contaminants entering the groundwater.

Throughout the 2017 calendar year the following was accomplished at the Coventry Landfill Project Site:

- Approximately 80,300 tons of BUD material was delivered to the landfill, blended and placed.
- RIDEM has approved the acceptance of several additional categories of BUD material including processed C&D rubble, glass residue and spent construction slurry/grout.
- The Group purchased a Site security camera to enhance site security, reduce trespassing, and allow persons involved in the Site closure the ability to view the project remotely. We anticipate that this will reduce future oversight costs associated with Site visits.
- There were no dust generation complaints filed.
- No recordable hydrogen sulfide levels have been observed at the landfill Site perimeter during weekly inspections.
- There were no odor complaints filed.

- The Group purchased the landfill gas flare currently in operation at the landfill to treat landfill gasses generated at the Site, resulting in a long-term cost savings compared to continued rental.
- Groundwater and soil gas compliance monitoring required by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) was conducted and observed contaminant concentrations were noted as trending downward except for MW-12, where chlorobenzene levels have not declined to date.

In 2017, \$1,758,111 in BUD revenue was received of which \$1,125,441 was paid out to DiGregorio. Once other expenses were paid (e.g., GZA, the contractor for the group; legal costs, purchase of a landfill gas flare, etc.), the performing parties escrow account had increased from \$882,097 to \$947,898 over the course of the year. Thus, the Town and the six companies remediating the landfill will not be assessed any monies for continued remediation costs in 2018.