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Gary Petersen, Chair
California Integrated Waste Management Board
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RE: Scope Of Work For The 2007-2008 Waste Characterization Study,
Market Development and Sustainability, Agenda Item B, Board Item 19

Dear Mr. Petersen:

On behalf of its 22 member counties, the Rural Counties Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA) appreciates this opportunity to provide support for the Scope of Work For The 2007-2008 Waste Characterization Study. The ESJPA strongly supports the staff recommendation to include sampling in rural areas in the proposed Scope of Work in recognition of the "special circumstances in rural areas".

In order for the waste characterization study to be most applicable to rural areas, the ESJPA requests that the final report also include a separate compilation of the rural sampling results and not have the data aggregated with the other samplings in that region. This separate analysis is not identified in the proposed scope. Since the data will be collected anyway, a separate analysis would provide valuable data for rural areas in their efforts to achieve compliance with AB 939 programs.

Please contact us if you have any questions. Thank you again for this opportunity to provide comments on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Mary Pitto
ESJPA Program Manger

cc: California Integrated Waste Management Board Members
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