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Corrugated Cardboard Policy Adopted October 7, 2004

Acadia Disposal District (ADD) has been charged with investigating environmentally friendly, cost-effective solid waste disposal options for the ADD member towns.

Corrugated cardboard makes up a significant part of the approximately 8,300 tons of solid waste disposed of each year by ADD member towns, costing an average of \$104 per ton for disposal. Corrugated cardboard absorbs water readily and is often difficult to compact with the other solid waste. In addition, processed corrugated cardboard is a profitable recycle material – the market sales price rising as high as \$76 per ton in 2004. While the ADD towns are disposing of 8,300 tons of waste they are only producing 235 tons of recycle materials. This policy should materially increase that recycle figure.

With this in mind and in keeping with the terms of the ADD Interlocal Agreement, the ADD enacts a policy to remove corrugated cardboard from the solid waste stream in the member towns. Beginning on the effective date of this policy, January 3, 2005, corrugated cardboard will no longer be allowed in the solid waste stream. It will be accepted as a recycle item.

- All solid waste haulers will be instructed that they are not to pick up corrugated cardboard as a solid waste product after the effective date of this policy, but that they may arrange to pick up that material as a recycle item.
- E.M.R., Inc will monitor solid waste coming into their transfer facility and will only accept corrugated cardboard as a recycle item; they will not accept any solid waste that has corrugated cardboard commingled with it – from neither solid waste haulers nor the public.
- Educational efforts regarding the policy will begin November 1, 2004. These efforts will include, but not be limited to, flyers, newspaper articles, annual town reports and presentations to respective member towns' boards of selectmen.
- Corrugated cardboard may be disposed of as a recycle material provided:
 - It is clean
 - It is broken down (flattened)
 - It is corrugated and is NOT items such as pizza or cereal boxes

Solid waste haulers can provide a separate dumpster for the cardboard, as applicable.