



April 28, 2010

Mr. R. Michael Amyx
Executive Director
Virginia Municipal League
PO Box 12164
Richmond, VA 23241

RE: Solid Waste Permitting Fees - DEQ

Dear Mr. Amyx:

Please find enclosed correspondence from the Old Dominion Chapter of the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) to the Governor regarding the increase in fees for solid waste permitting activities by the DEQ. SWANA appreciates all of VML's efforts during the 2010 General Assembly to lessen the financial burden on local governments.

SWANA and municipalities across the state recognize that an increase in fees are now inevitable. As SWANA represents many local governments, we feel it is important for SWANA to be a part of the decision making process. SWANA has taken the initiative to issue a proposal (also attached) to the DEQ for covering 60% of the direct costs of permitting activities and will be looking forward to working with the DEQ, the Waste Board and others in establishing a fair and equitable fee structure for all solid waste facilities in the future in addition to working towards establishing and enhancing accountability and efficiencies within the DEQ.

We are communicating our proposal to the Governor and all members of the General Assembly in hopes of, not only gaining their support of a fair and equitable fee structure, but recognizing SWANA as a resource for solid waste management in the Commonwealth.

We hope that you and VML will also be supportive of our proposal. Thank you for your time and I or any member of the SWANA Board would be happy to discuss this further – khynes@cvwma.com or 804-359-8413 ext 552.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly A. Hynes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimberly A. Hynes
Legislative Committee Chair
SWANA Board

cc. Joe Lerch CAE, VML Director of Environmental Policy
SWANA Board