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Mr. Philip Misemer, Transportation Research Program Manager
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Dear Mr. Misemer:

SUPPORT FOR CE-CERT/VIRESCO TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH PROJECT

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) supports the development of new and viable conversion technologies that can assist in managing the nearly 40 million tons of residual solid waste disposed of in California each year.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939, as amended), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of 10 million. Consistent with these responsibilities, and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally-sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a Countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

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The College of Engineering–Center for Environmental Research and Technology at UC Riverside and Viresco Energy (CE-CERT/Viresco) recently made a presentation to the Task Force regarding their current hydrogasification project. While the Task Force has not directly evaluated the CE-CERT/Viresco project, we support CE-CERT/Viresco's application for PEIR grant funding because the project would: 1) convert biomass and biosolids (that would otherwise be disposed in landfills) into biofuels, 2) assist the State in meeting its progressive environmental and energy goals and specifically the goal to create highly skilled jobs, and 3) partner with a local California university (University of California at Riverside), which has already completed valuable and respected research for the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

We look forward to the project becoming operational since it would serve as a valuable showcase of conversion technologies to citizens, local governments, regulators, and decision-makers in the State. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force and
Mayor, City of Rosemead

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