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Lycoming County Board of Commissioners
48 West Third Street
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**PLANNING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Re: Joint-County Municipal Waste Management Plan
County Plan Revision
Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Snyder,
and Union Counties

Dear Commissioners:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has received Lycoming County's written notice dated April 20, 2009 that the County municipal waste management plan revision development has begun. The plan revision is required by 25 Pa. Code § 272.251. The plan revision will be a regional, joint-county effort including the Counties of Columbia, Montour, Snyder, and Union. Thank you for providing copies of the Resolutions from these counties. Lycoming County will serve as the lead for the project.

DEP has determined that the regional solid waste plan revision will be a substantial plan revision. The substantial plan revision process is outlined in 25 Pa. Code § 272.252(d) as well as the recently revised DEP "Guidelines for the Development and Implementation of County Municipal Waste Management Plan Revisions."

The regional plan deadline for all counties involved will be the last date that a participating counties' solid waste plan revision is due. The expected plan deadline is therefore January 7, 2012, the date the Lycoming County solid waste plan revision is due. It is requested that quarterly progress reports and draft copies of chapters of the solid waste plan as they are written are provided to me at: DEP Northcentral Regional Office, 208 West Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701 or via email at miferguson@state.pa.us.

As requested, an Act 101, Section 901 Planning Grant pre-application meeting will be scheduled between DEP and the counties. The Section 901 grant provides for 80 percent reimbursement to the County by DEP of approved costs associated with the plan revision. As the lead county, Lycoming County may submit one 901 grant application on behalf of all the counties.

Copies of this letter have been forwarded to the participating counties' commissioners. Please

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feel free to forward copies of this correspondence to the other counties' recycling coordinators and planning directors. If you have any questions, please call me at 570-321-6533.

Sincerely,

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cc: Kurt Hausammann, Jr., Director, Lycoming County Planning Commission
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