As you all know, compliance to regulations in this industry is critical to all of us. We have recently received a complaint from a Gregg Township, Union County official who observed some vehicles, not just roll-off trucks but pickup trucks as well, traveling to our facility without tarps, or tarps that were improperly secured. He also observed some packer trucks traveling on Rt 15 at high speeds with loose garbage in the hoppers that had not been packed to secure the trash and was allowing litter to blow from the back of the hopper. These instances have contributed to blowing litter and are a violation of DEP regulations, Title 25, 285.214 which states:

b) Loads in vehicles shall be secured in the following manner:
   (1) Load of loose garbage. Every load of loose nonbaled municipal waste being transported through or within this Commonwealth shall be transported in a vehicle with four solid sides and with a cover or top of a type to prevent any of the load from escaping. The cover or top shall remain tightly in place going to a disposal site. The load shall be no higher than the solid sides of the vehicle. It is imperative that municipal waste be removed from the vehicle at the disposal site to prevent scattering of litter on the highway during the return trip. A truck, trailer or semi trailer with an open body or stake body may not be used for these purposes. This subsection does not apply to vehicles engaged in the systematic collection of garbage or refuse and which are designed to be open in the rear for the loading of municipal waste.

All trash is to be removed from the vehicle to prevent litter on the return trip. We have a clean-out area on site for this purpose. We encourage you to use the clean out area in addition to securing loads enroute to disposal facilities to help prevent this problem. Cooperation with our local municipalities that exist along the route to this facility is imperative for the facility’s future. We ask your cooperation for your own protection and future well being and request that you increase your efforts in following these requirements. We know that not all of you are responsible but it only takes the actions of a few to cause us all harm. While we appreciate all those who are already complying, we ask that you be vigilant and if you see someone creating this problem, please report it to our facility personnel and we will contact that person. We cannot allow the actions of a few to jeopardize the service for us all.

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Customer and Hauler Informational Meeting Planned

LCRMS is planning a meeting to be held in late March or early April to review some informational items with our customers and haulers.

Some topics to be discussed are:

- future plans for the landfill
- Project updates

We will notify you of the scheduled date and time.

Update: County Administrative Fees

As many of you know, Lycoming County holds certain County Administrative Fees in escrow from transactions delivered during February through October 2005. These fees were held in escrow as ordered by the court when counties appealed a decision by Judge Anderson that the fees were unenforceable. Lycoming County recently filed a Complaint for Interpleader to ask that the money be paid into court and to ask the court how to distribute these fees. The Court allowed fees to be paid back to customers who paid less than $100 into the escrow. The Court also allowed customers who paid $100 or greater into the escrow to be notified that this action was being filed. Snyder County and the Snyder County Solid Waste Management Authority have filed a document to Plead in regard to the Interpleader requesting that the court take no action on the Interpleader until their request that the Supreme Court reconsider its decision is made. This action may delay any decision regarding the distribution of the remaining escrow by the Court.

For Your Information

You may have noticed that we have begun removing trees along the access road into the landfill. This work is part of a Sedimentation Pond Relocation project.

The two ponds to the north of the access road will eventually be removed. A larger pond to be located to the south of the access road, will be constructed later this year.

Please be alert for construction equipment in this area and the potential for traffic flow changes during some phases of the project.

The staff of LCRMS wishes A. Larue Danley the best of health and happiness in honor of his retirement from the LCRMS Recycling Division after 14 years of service. Larue was a dedicated and valued employee.