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Melvin H. Chalfen, M.D.
Commissioner

Robert W. Healy
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14 June 1990

Re: Quarterly Household Waste Collection
Council Order 44, 21 May 1990

Dear Mr. Healy:

Discussions about improving the opportunities and efficiency of household hazardous waste collection have taken place over the past year. The establishment of a permanent site appears to have many advantages over holding a number of single collection days. Feasibility reviews of the actions needed to have a permanent site are going on now.

Quarterly collection days involve large costs for the still limited effort. A permanent site open, say 2-3 days a month, would improve the chances of lowering the per capita costs in the city considerably while greatly increasing the times that citizens could use such a resource. Even better would be the situation in which we shared a site and the expenses with one or more of our neighboring cities.

The plan is to 1: assess the actions necessary to comply with the state regulations and guidelines for a permanent household hazardous waste site (310 CMR 30.390).

2: work with Departments of Community Development and Public Works personnel to review possible sites in the city.

3: continue discussion with the state officers in the Department of Environmental Management for their experience with other cities involved in similar efforts and their advice on the application process.

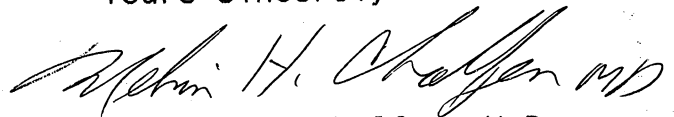
4: obtain specifics from companies certified to provide operational management and waste transport.

5: continue exploration with officials in neighboring cities as to possibility of a regional center. Interest is high but practicality questions are still in discussion.

6: prepare requests for proposals for bidding for quarterly collection days if above steps are delayed or not feasible, prepare estimates of the costs of quarterly collections.

In addition discussions should include the feasibility of having a recycling center and a permanent household hazardous waste collection site either adjacent or close to one another in order to increase the convenience and efficiency of both types of collections.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Melvin H. Chalfen MD".

Melvin H. Chalfen, M.D.

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June 25, 1990

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In reference to Awaiting Report Item No. 44, relative to quarterly household waste collection, attached please find a response from Dr. Melvin Chalfen, Commissioner of Health and Hospitals.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Awaiting Report Item Number 44 regarding
quarterly household waste collection.

In City Council,

June 25, 1990

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