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RE: SWANA Western Regional Symposium Load Checking Training

Dear William,

Thank you for your assistance with last week's Load Checking class at the Solid Waste Association of North America Western Regional Symposium. Your experiences with current and real issues set the stage for much discussion throughout the day. Please also thank your staff for their assistance with the load checking exercise at the Material Recovery Facility.

The exercise was intended to practice safety load breaking techniques on selected loads and it was obvious that the District's load checking program is effective. Self-haul and commercial loads were selected for review since these types of loads most commonly contain prohibited wastes. As a training exercise, it was disappointing that very little hazardous or other prohibited wastes were found during the exercise. Rarely have I encountered so little prohibited wastes in the number and type of loads we reviewed during training exercises. This lack of prohibited wastes and discussions with several customers indicates a high level of public awareness and indicated to the trainees that load checking efforts can be effective at preventing improper hazardous waste disposal.

Congratulations on implementing an exceptional program.

Sincerely

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Enclosure