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To: Private Waste Hauler Customers:

SUBJECT: Private Waste Hauler AB939 Compliance Fee

The Los Angeles City Council adopted an ordinance requiring all private waste haulers to obtain a waste hauling permit and pay a fee of 10% of gross receipts. The fee will become effective September 1, 2002 and will be reflected on your billing beginning in September.

The City currently has a recycling rate of 59 percent, but the City has a goal of reaching 70 percent by the year 2020. The revenue from the fee will be used to fund new programs to reach this goal. The City of Los Angeles was the only city in the County that had neither a permit fee for refuse collectors nor a recycling fee. The City chose to adopt a program similar to that of other cities throughout the County and enact a fee to be used for new private sector recycling programs. The City will work through elected officials, residents, and businesses affected by the fee, to establish these new recycling programs.

An important note: the fee does not apply to material that is source separated for recycling. This means that if a material, paper for example, is kept out of the trash and is stored and collected in a separate bin, then the 10% fee is not charged to the cost of collecting that material.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please call (213) 473-8228.

Sincerely,

Judith A. Wilson, Director
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