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Mr. John Leach
Municipal Administrator
100 Lincoln St.
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Subject: Update on Alaska Marine Lines Mandate for MSW Shipment

Dear Mr. Leach,

Republic Services has recently received a letter dated March 10th, 2021 from Alaska Marine Lines (AML) to serve as a reminder of the upcoming June 1st, 2021 deadline for the City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) and other Southeast Alaska Partners to adopt plans that will provide for a transition of their Solid Waste systems to accommodate Compacted Waste in Closed Top Containers for shipment on AML Barges.

AML has re-iterated that they will continue working with communities to extend this deadline to allow for the planning, acquisition and installation of compaction equipment, with reasonable and mutually agreeable timelines to be adopted by the local assembly, prior to the June 1st deadline.

If agreeable plans are not adopted, AML is prepared to refuse shipment of Municipal Solid Waste in Open Top Containers beginning on June 1st, 2021.

Our team has continued to work with AML, CBS Staff, and other Stakeholders to explore all feasible alternatives to assist in making a transition to compacted waste in closed top containers to comply with the AML Mandate.

This may include Republic Services having to seek alternative transportation for trucking and barge services. In the event CBS were to elect to not make the transition to compacted waste as part of the Solid Waste Transfer System and AML delivers notification of refusal to accommodate MSW in Open Top Containers on their Barges, Republic Services will seek the approval of an Alternative Service Arrangement and provide all associated costs as a pass through to the City and Borough of Sitka, as prescribed in Article 8.3 and Article 9.1 the Transportation and Disposal agreement.

We continue to encourage the City and Borough of Sitka to pursue plans to make the transition to compacted MSW as the safest, most environmentally secure, and efficient means of handling Solid Waste generated in the region. We are committed to continuing our work with the Sitka Stakeholders group and are confident that reasonable solutions can be achieved in meeting all your Solid Waste needs.

Sincerely,

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