

August 14, 2015

Mr. Steve Lederer, Manager

Upper Valley Waste Management Agency

Mr. Lederer,

We are UVDS customers with unanswered questions and concerns generated by the proposal put forth by UVDS to expand programs and facilities in their latest customer newsletter.

The plan was presented as “a more sustainable future”. Unfortunately the plan gave few specifics regarding cost/benefits, unmet government mandates requiring action, or the benefit to rate payers to extend a contract NOW when it has ten years remaining. If we are diverting more than 70% of the waste stream, what is the catalyst for a commitment to such an aggressive capital and overhead expenditure now?

I write to encourage the UVWMA to seek and solicit an INDEPENDENT analysis of the plan proposed by UVDS. Such an analysis would:

1. Identify the necessity of these projects and determine if their scale is appropriate for the size of our community.
2. Identify the capital and operating costs for each proposed project.
3. Identify how this plan will affect cost of service to rate payers now and going forward as the plan is implemented.
4. Determine if a commitment to today’s technology makes sense going forward 35 years.
5. Weigh the benefits of extending the contract with UVDS now, thus forfeiting the opportunity to competitively select a contractor going forward.

The above issues are but a few of the items that need to be flushed out before a decision is made. Please take the time and perform the due diligence necessary to make a fully informed decision that benefits our community.

We respectfully ask that our comments be read into the record at your upcoming meeting.

Sincerely,

Tib and Sandy Warner

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