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MEMORANDUM

TO: Solid Waste Resource Advisory Committee

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DATE: November 18, 2010

SUBJECT: Corporate Compliance and Clear Bags

SMT was recently briefed on the implementation of a Corporate Clear bag policy in support of HRM taking a community leadership position on corporate compliance. As a large stakeholder in the ICI sector, HRM's footprint represents a large cross section of operations, facilities and buildings across the municipality. SWR staff have been conducting corporate compliance inspections and developing compliance programs with many large corporations in HRM, including HRSB, Atlantic Superstore, and McDonalds to name a few.

HRM has a corporate compliance standard which all departments will now be using to develop a compliance implementation plan. The plan is for all BU's to identify a primary point of contact who will then work with SWR staff in the development and implementation of their compliance plan.

To support the implementation of this plan, experience has shown that clear bag programs are an important compliance tool in achieving objectives. To this end, and at the request of the HRM stores system, SWR presented a plan to SMT and gained approval for a corporate clear bag policy. The policy will be implemented following a phase out of existing black bags (early in 2011) and the promulgation of the policy in conjunction with the corporate compliance standard.

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