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Honourable Barry Penner
Minister of Environment
P.O. Box 9047 STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Penner:

RE: Fraser Valley Regional District Response (FVRD) to the Metro Vancouver Draft Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management Plan (ISWRMP)

Please find attached a submission from the Fraser Valley Regional District summarizing the key arguments to support the Fraser Valley Regional District's position regarding the Waste-to-Energy (WTE) incineration strategies proposed in the draft ISWRMP.

The submission includes an Executive Summary, supporting documentation (References and Resources), and a Public Opinion section, demonstrating that across both Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley the public clearly supports the FVRD's position and opposes WTE incineration.

We believe that the information provided makes a clear case that WTE incineration poses a risk to human health, the environment, sustainable waste management practices and to waste reduction efforts. We urge the Minister and Ministry staff to take a precautionary approach in the final decisions on this matter.

Waste-to-energy incineration should not be considered until the full impacts associated with the use of this, and other waste-to-energy combustion technologies are known and understood, and until there is conclusive evidence indicating no harm to human health, and the environment.

Should the Minister or any Ministry staff wish to better understand our position on Metro Vancouver's ISWRMP plan, we would be pleased to meet with you at your convenience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Patricia Ross
Chair, FVRD

Attachment:

- 1. Ministry of Environment Package (Includes: Executive Summary, References & Resources and Public Opinion sections)**
- 2. Binder with hard copies of References & Resources section**

cc: Ministry of Environment Package and Binder with hard copies of References & Resources section

**Doug Konkin, Deputy Minister of Environment
Lynn Bailey, Assistant Deputy Minister of Environment
Ashley Smith, Environmental Protection Officer
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cc: Ministry of Environment Package

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