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George Crombie, P.E.  
Secretary  
Agency of Natural Resources  
103 South Main Street, Center Bldg  
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Dear Mr. Crombie,

The Vermont League of Women Voters has been following the situation at Intervale Compost with concern. We have long advocated for waste reduction and the beneficial re-use of waste products. The Intervale Compost facility provides an extremely valuable service in this regard. We also note that waste recycling is an important component of Vermont's Solid Waste Plan.

We were dismayed to learn that the facility will close due to the high cost of obtaining permits. What will happen in the future to all of the material that has been composted by this facility? Are there solid waste grants or water quality grants administered by ANR that could be used to assure the continuation of composting in northwestern Vermont? Could ANR and the Division for Historic Preservation work out a lower cost way for the facility to address the archaeological sensitivity of the area? Does the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Markets have any programs or grants that could be used to assure the continuation of this valuable source of agricultural amendments?

Because the state Solid Waste Plan is produced by your agency, we urge you to take the lead in addressing this problem in cooperation with other state agencies.

Very truly yours,

Catherine Rader  
President

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