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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeff DeWitt
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DATE: September 15, 2014

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Solid Waste Facility Permit Amendment Act of 2014

REFERENCE: Bill 20-638, Draft Committee Print as Shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on September 11, 2014

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill amends the permit renewal process for and the operational requirements on solid waste facilities.¹ Under the bill, the public comment period for renewal applications will increase from thirty days to sixty days, and the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) will host a public hearing prior to the approval of an application.² When reviewing the renewal application, the District will be required to consider the comments of the Ward Councilmember where the facility is located. The bill will also require all solid waste facilities to cease operations at 7:00pm. Under current regulations, facilities located more than more than 300 feet from a residential property line can operate until 10:00pm.³

Additionally, the bill requires quarterly inspections of solid waste facilities by the Department of the Environment (DDOE) and the DCRA. DDOE will conduct an odor inspection;⁴ DCRA will inspect

¹ These requirements would also apply to new facilities, but there is currently a moratorium on new facilities.

² An official from the solid waste facility is now required to attend the public meeting.

³ Facilities within 300 feet of a residential property line are already required to cease operations at 7:00pm.

⁴ Odorous or Other Nuisance Air Pollutants (20 DCMR § 903).

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operational aspects, cleanliness, and ventilation items. The solid waste facilities will also self-report on various items as part of the inspection.⁵

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2015 through FY 2018 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. There are five solid waste facilities⁶ in the District and DDOE and DCRA can absorb the bill's implementation costs, such as inspections and public meetings, within their existing resources.

⁵ Solid Waste Facility Operating Requirements (21 DCMR § 733.1(a)(c)(e)(f)(g)(h)(i)(m)(s)).

⁶ This includes two District owned facilities.