



# Citizens Advisory Council

to the Department of Environmental Protection

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The Honorable James M. Seif  
Secretary  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
PO Box 2063  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2063

Dear Secretary Seif:

As you know, Council held its 1998 regional meeting September 23 and 24 in State College. During this meeting, we held a brief business meeting that included a discussion of the Governor's recent proposal to deal with excess waste capacity.

Our discussion included a conference call with David Hess and Jim Snyder regarding several questions and concerns raised by Council members. Some of the issues raised by Council included:

- ❖ increased cost of waste disposal for Pennsylvanians as a result of the decreased capacity;
- ❖ whether reduced capacity will increase safety concerns as waste must be transported further;
- ❖ fairness issues within and among different regions (i.e., will some regions be harder hit and have higher costs as a result of the legislation?);
- ❖ whether permitted daily volumes should be reduced; and
- ❖ the appropriate use of the fees charged for waste transportation.

After some additional discussion and debate, a majority of the Council members present approved a motion supporting the Governor's proposal while reserving the right to make additional comments as more specific information becomes available and as the proposed legislation moves through the legislative process.

The proposed legislation will likely be a continuing subject of discussion at future Council meetings. We look forward to working with you and interested legislators in addressing concerns that are raised as the legislation moves through the process.

Sincerely,

Jolene E. Chinchilli  
Chairperson

