

June 28, 1989
Rejection of Solid Waste Disposal Plan

WHEREAS, the Supervisors of Mount Joy Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, were invited by the Adams County Solid Waste Authority, the Adams County Commissioners and the Adams County Solid Waste Authority Advisory Committee to attend and in fact attended a special meeting on Wednesday, June 28, 1989, at the Gettysburg College Dining Hall for the purpose of being introduced to the proposed Adams County Solid Waste Management Plan together with other municipalities from the eastern half of Adams County; and

WHEREAS, prior to consideration by its Commissioners of adoption of the Solid Waste Management Plan, Adams County submitted a copy of its proposed Plan to the Township for the 90 day public review and comment period required by Act 101 of 1988, during which time period one public hearing on the proposed plan was held as further required by such Act; and

WHEREAS, during the review and comment period, Adams County Transfer, Inc., a Rimiro Company based in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, advertised notice of its intention to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources for a permit to construct a transfer facility on a site at the intersection of Barlow-Two Taverns Road and Orphanage Road in Mount Joy Township; and

WHEREAS, the site of the proposed solid waste transfer station is in a residential and farming area not well suited for such a facility; and

WHEREAS, the volume of traffic from sanitation trucks used for collecting and transporting solid waste to the proposed transfer station and from larger tractor trailers transporting such waste from the proposed transfer station to a landfill in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, poses unacceptable risks to the health, safety, and welfare of residents of the Township, including but not limited to, the local Amish community (horses, buggies and farm equipment) and children who reside at Hoffman Homes for Youth located on Orphanage Road; and

WHEREAS, such traffic volume will also adversely affect and burden the residents and taxpayers of Mount Joy Township with deterioration of the hub roads, both state and local, leading to and from the proposed transfer station facility; and

WHEREAS, the County's proposed Plan recommends that the County arrange for the disposal of municipal solid waste from the eastern watershed area of the county by a contract negotiated with the Hanover Regional Solid Waste Authority (HRSWA) which has plans to build its own transfer station to handle the municipal waste from the eastern half of Adams County; and

WHEREAS, Adams County Transfer, Inc. has indicated to the Township its intention to bid on a County-wide basis for the disposal of all municipal solid waste, which waste would then likely be transported to Community Landfill, Franklin County, near Greencastle, another Rimiro Company; and

WHEREAS, the County's Plan calls for the disposal of municipal solid waste in the Community Landfill, Frankly County from only the western Adams Count wasteshed area; and

WHEREAS, the Keystone Landfill in Union Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, has indicated its intention to appeal for the denial of its application for a permit to expand its existing landfill; and

WHEREAS, permitting and construction of the proposed Adams County Transfer, Inc. transfer station, in addition to posing the local problems cited above, would also appear to duplicate the plans of the HRSWA to construct the transfer station to which five (5) Adams County municipalities have made preliminary commitments as referenced in the County's proposed Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interests of the residents of Mount Joy Township and the citizens of Adams County that the Rimiro Company not be able to corner the market on solid waste disposal throughout the County by its Adams County Transfer, Inc. transfer site and its Greencastle landfill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisors of Mount Joy Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania, hereby reject the proposed Adams County Solid Waste Disposal Plan and respectfully request that the County resubmit a Plan that incorporates the Township's concerns regarding the siting of the proposed Adams County Transfer, Inc. transfer station and the uncertainties created to the dual wasteshed and dual disposal aspects of the existing Plan should the Rimiro Company be afforded the opportunity to lock in the solid waste disposal market throughout the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Supervisors of Mount Joy Township oppose the issuance by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources of a permit of Adams County Transfer, Inc. for the construction of a municipal solid (or other) waste transfer or other disposal facility on the 15-acre site at the intersection of the Barlow-Two Taverns Road and Orphanage Road in Mount Joy Township, Adams County Pennsylvania.