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Ms. Marianne Lamont Horinko
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Dear Ms. Horinko:

The purpose of this letter is to express the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) Waste Committee's endorsement of the final version of the RCRA Vision Paper. ECOS has been a member of the RCRA Vision Steering Committee and has been a strong proponent of the Vision Paper concept. The ECOS Waste Committee wishes to congratulate EPA on the successful completion of this important process.

The ECOS Waste Committee agrees with the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials that the transition from the current RCRA program to the proposed conceptual program described in the Vision Paper will need a long-term commitment by the Agency. ECOS will continue to work with you towards that end. A deliberate process needs to be started which will ensure this orderly transition.

The public dialogue held over the last year revealed that EPA must build trust between all constituents for the RCRA Vision Paper's intended purpose. We believe that all of those involved would agree that the end result must continue to be protective of the human health and the environment. ECOS wishes to thank the many individuals that developed the RCRA Vision Paper and we commit to working with all of the interested parties in implementing this important concept.

Sincerely,

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ECOS Waste Committee Chair

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