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Request for Meeting

Dear Ms. Merchant:

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Thurston to request a meeting with the Department of Environmental Conservation (“DEC”) to discuss the permits DEC has issued to Leo Dickson & Sons, Inc. and Dicksons Environmental Service Inc. (collectively “Dicksons”) covering land-spreading and other solid waste operations in the Town of Thurston.

We would greatly appreciate if a DEC representative would come to a public meeting in the Town of Thurston sometime in the next few weeks to explain the permits to us and explain any proposals for modifications or transfers of these permits.

As you may know, at our meeting on February 15, 2023, the Thurston Town Board voted 5-0 to enact a moratorium on new solid waste facility permits and on the expansion of solid waste facilities in the Town of Thurston. A copy of the moratorium is attached. We are awaiting word that the moratorium has been filed with the New York Secretary of State.

This moratorium applies, inter alia, to expansions of the land-spreading and other solid waste operations of Dicksons in the Town of Thurston. We understand that Dicksons were recently purchased by Casella Waste Industries and that applications have been filed to transfer some of the Dicksons permits to Casella.

I will call you to see if we can arrange a meeting.

Thank you very much for your courtesies.

Very truly yours,

/s/ *Michael Volino*

Michael Volino

Supervisor
Town of Thurston

Attachment