



May 4, 2009

Mr. Ed Hathaway
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United States Environmental Protection Agency
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**RE: Merger of Republic Services, Inc. and Allied Waste Industries, Inc.
Parent Companies of BFI Waste Systems of North America, LLC, as
successor to Disposal Specialists, Inc. and Browning-Ferris Industries of
Vermont, Inc. (BFI Rockingham Landfill)
EPA ID# VTD980520092
Site ID#: 0101475**

Dear Mr. Hathaway:

As per correspondence from Brian Woods at the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Waste Management Division, this letter is to inform you that Republic Services, Inc. ("Republic") and Allied Waste Industries, Inc. ("Allied") merged effective December 5, 2008. Also, Disposal Specialists, Inc. and Browning-Ferris Industries of Vermont, Inc., the original Settling Defendants pursuant to a Consent Decree dated May 28, 1996, were merged into BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc. effective September 25, 1997. Finally, BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc. was converted to an LLC effective December 30, 2007. As such, Browning-Ferris Industries of Vermont's Rockingham Landfill, a federal Superfund site located in Windham County, Vermont, is now the responsibility of the merged company known as BFI Waste Systems of North America, LLC. ("BFI-LLC"). BFI-LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Allied, and, as discussed in more detail below, Allied is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of Republic.

Under the terms of the merger agreement, Allied was merged into Republic. To effectuate the transaction, Republic created a wholly-owned subsidiary that merged with and into Allied as December 5, 2008. Allied was the surviving corporation of the merger and is a wholly owned direct subsidiary of Republic.

The transaction has not resulted in any ownership or operational changes in the Republic and Allied subsidiaries or at any of the solid waste facilities owned or operated by these subsidiaries. BFI-LLC remains responsible for the obligations described in the Consent Decree dated May 28, 1996.

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If you should have any questions regarding the merger, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 480-627-2700.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,
Republic Services, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Joe Benco
Vice President, Engineering
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December 10, 2008

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Dear Mr. Ed Hathaway,

We are very excited to announce the launch of the combined Republic Services. After a thorough integration planning process, we are bringing together the best practices and deep customer service cultures of Republic Services and Allied Waste to create a new waste and environmental services leader. We have attached today's press release to this email, which will answer some of your questions about the announcement.

Today is Day One of our newly merged company – a historic moment for both companies. As you know, this merger combines two companies, involved in the same business with similar cultures, coming together to form an industry leading enterprise that will provide long-term career opportunities for employees and unmatched customer service. We are positioned for greater success together and are able to create strategic and financial benefits not otherwise available.

By merging the industry's second and third largest companies, we are creating a leader in the industry, with a \$12 billion in market cap. Together, we will have more than 35,000 employees working hard to serve more than 13 million customers in 42 states and Puerto Rico.

We expect continued changes over the next two years as the combined company takes shape, and our united team remains committed to superior customer service and delivering more advanced customer benefits throughout this period.



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We have a sound strategy, thorough plans and ample resources to realize the value of the transaction for customers, shareholders and employees quickly. We have been working hard to plan a seamless integration of our employees, our customers and the communities we serve. We pledge to keep you informed of developments throughout the process. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or refer to www.RepublicAllied.com for more information.

Sincerely,

Ralph Larimore mmd

Ralph Larimore
Environmental Manager