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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: AROW members**  
**FROM: AROW Executive Committee**  
**DATE: September 22, 2016**  
**RE: Environmental Management Fund & 2016 Waste Tonnage**  
**C.C.: SWANA Badger Chapter; WCSWMA**

Many of you are aware that the governor and members of the legislature are discussing the next biannual budget. Several of us have been told that all sources of revenue will again be looked at to balance the budget. Of course this includes the money collected at Wisconsin landfills, unfortunately threatening the recycling grant once again.

AROW looks forward to again working with its partners, SWANA and WCSWMA, for what we anticipate will be another round of “the importance of recycling” advocacy. As a first step, we are looking at the amount of money collected by landfills and sent to the Environmental Management Account (EMA).

The landfill tonnage inquiry was prompted by anecdotal discussions, with landfill owners, that tonnages seemed to be up from previous years. DNR (thank you Colleen Storck for providing the information so quickly!) provided AROW with a detail of the first half of 2016 tonnages. This information, along with information we already had from 2014 and 2015, are beginning to substantiate just what was thought...landfill tonnage is up. When landfill tonnage is up, money into the EMA is also up.

The preliminary analysis (thank you to AROW VP John Welch!) shows that landfill fee money into the EMA in 2015 is 0.88% higher than 2014. As well, a comparison of 2015 to 2016 landfill tonnage (Jan-June) indicates a 4.97% increase. This type of increase could mean landfills will deposit over \$51 million in the EMA as a result of 2016 tonnage, with a potential \$35-\$37 million directly from the Recycling Fee. (See chart on page 2.)

Our “importance of recycling” advocacy efforts will focus on the main points we all know, recycling keeps resources “in the loop”, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, employs thousands of Wisconsinites, provides valuable feedstock to Wisconsin businesses and saves landfill airspace for those things that cannot be recycled. Yet this time around we will also emphasize this increasing contribution and the sound fiscal basis for increasing recycling and waste reduction funding.

**Disclaimer: The information presented is preliminary. It is based on reported tonnages from WI landfills. Tonnages are multiplied against each statutory fee for EMA totals. Totals may not exactly reflect deposits to the EMA.**

**About the Associated Recyclers of Wisconsin (AROW)**

*Founded in 1990, AROW is a 501(c)(3) association representing Wisconsin’s recycling, waste reduction and sustainability professionals with members from local government, businesses and non-profit groups. The organization provides leadership through education, advocacy, and collaboration and promotes effective, efficient and sustainable material recovery initiatives. For details on AROW, its positions and programs visit [www.arow-online.org](http://www.arow-online.org).*

<b>DEPOSITS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT</b>				
	<b>2014</b>	Munic. & Non-High-Vol Ind. Waste	High Volume Industrial Waste	PCB C-Sediment
	Recycling Fee	\$ 7.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Environmental Repair Fee	\$ 2.50	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.85
	Groundwater Fee	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10
	Well Compensation Fee	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04
	Total fees	\$ 9.64	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.99
	Tonnage	4,948,339.99	657,285.90	342,970.49
	Subtotal to EMA	\$ 47,701,997.50	\$ 223,477.21	\$ 339,540.79
	Total to EMA	\$ 48,265,015.49		
<b>0.88% increase</b>	<b>2015</b>	Munic. & Non-High-Vol Ind. Waste	High Volume Industrial Waste	PCB C-Sediment
	Recycling Fee	\$ 7.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Environmental Repair Fee	\$ 2.50	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.85
	Groundwater Fee	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10
	Well Compensation Fee	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04
	Total fees	\$ 9.64	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.99
	Tonnage	5,014,866.00	39,686.00	336,724.00
	Subtotal to EMA	\$ 48,343,308.24	\$ 13,493.24	\$ 333,356.76
	Total to EMA	\$ 48,690,158.24		
	<b>2015 Jan-June</b>	Munic. & Non-High-Vol Ind. Waste	High Volume Industrial Waste	PCB C-Sediment
	Recycling Fee	\$ 7.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Environmental Repair Fee	\$ 2.50	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.85
	Groundwater Fee	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10
	Well Compensation Fee	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04
	Total fees	\$ 9.64	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.99
	Tonnage	2,266,929.00	272,686.00	143,721.00
	Subtotal to EMA	\$ 21,853,195.56	\$ 92,713.24	\$ 142,283.79
	Total to EMA	\$ 22,088,192.59		
<b>4.97% increase</b>	<b>2016 Jan-June</b>	Munic. & Non-High-Vol Ind. Waste	High Volume Industrial Waste	PCB C-Sediment
	Recycling Fee	\$ 7.00	\$ -	\$ -
	Environmental Repair Fee	\$ 2.50	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.85
	Groundwater Fee	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10
	Well Compensation Fee	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.04
	Total fees	\$ 9.64	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.99
	Tonnage	2,378,729.00	298,860.00	155,113.00
	Subtotal to EMA	\$ 22,930,947.56	\$ 101,612.40	\$ 153,561.87
	Total to EMA	\$ 23,186,121.83		