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January 21, 2014

Mr. Tim Trost
Area President
Republic Services, Inc.
12976 St. Charles Rock Rd.
Bridgeton MO 63044

Dear Mr. Trost,

We are in receipt of your letter dated January 15, 2014. While it is unfortunate that Republic Services has taken the approach to discontinue direct communication with Pattonville Fire Protection District and the state and regional stakeholders, we believe it is not in the best interest of the safety of the community to do so. We believe that direct, timely, and accurate communication is the only way to plan for emergency actions that may be needed to mitigate any of the possible incidents that could evolve from the management of the subsurface smoldering event.

Robertson Fire Chief Don Miner and I will be reaching out to you and your staff to meet and discuss options for moving forward in a manner that will provide our community with a partnership and commitment that are required for successful resolution of this ongoing event.

Assistant Chief LaVanchy will continue to lead the fire service technical response to this event as a hazardous materials commander. While we note Republic Services frustration with some of Chief LaVanchy's remarks, Chief LaVanchy's frustration stems from the fact that Republic Services has been less than forthcoming with information deemed crucial to the operational planning that must take place to protect the community and its first responders.

We look forward to meeting you and your staff to discuss these issues. Again, it is only with open, direct, timely, and accurate communication can we safely plan our joint response to a possible incident.

Respectfully,

Terry E. Loehrer
Fire Chief
Pattonville Fire Protection District

Cc: Joe Bindbeutel, Missouri Attorney General's Office
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