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October 21, 2019

Maria Davies
VT ANR, Dept. of Environmental Conservation
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Re: Letter of Support for CVSWMD's Household Hazardous Waste Facility Grant Proposal

Dear Ms. Davies:

The Town of East Montpelier is a member municipality of the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD). In response to DEC's 2019 request for proposals for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility Grants, CVSWMD is submitting an application for grant funding to construct a permanent HHW facility to serve the central Vermont region.

Residents of East Montpelier will greatly benefit from having access to a permanent household hazardous waste facility as such access will enable our community to properly manage toxic materials via the availability of an appropriate year-round disposal service. Our community members will no longer have to store hazardous toxic products in their homes while waiting for an often crowded and confusing annual collection event. Just as importantly, the existence of a local facility will empower citizens to develop both the solid working knowledge and the ingrained habits of acceptable ways to handle and dispose of hazardous materials necessary for effective societal benefits, similar to how recycling programs succeeded over time.

We wholeheartedly support the CVSWMD application for a Household Hazardous Waste Facility Grant. This grant will enhance CVSWMD's ability to fulfill its mission of providing the services the central Vermont community needs to manage our solid waste in order to protect public health and the environment. We encourage you to look favorably on the CVSWMD funding request.

Sincerely,

Seth B. Gardner
Chair, East Montpelier Selectboard