

AGREEMENT FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF A
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

This AGREEMENT, dated this 28th day of November, 1983, by and between the SOUTHEASTERN PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY OF VIRGINIA, hereinafter referred to as the "Authority" and the COUNTY OF SOUTHAMPTON, VIRGINIA, hereinafter referred to as the "County".

ARTICLE I - BASIC INTENT AND PURPOSE

1. This Agreement is entered into pursuant to the authorization and mandate of the Virginia Water and Sewer Authorities Act.

2. The Authority, subject to the terms, provisions and conditions hereinafter set out and in accordance with the procedures and provisions hereinafter made and declared, desires to maintain a safe, sanitary, and environmentally sound solid waste disposal system and for and by such system accept and dispose of the disposable solid waste of the County subsequent to the commercial start-up of said system.

3. The County, subject to the terms, provisions and conditions hereinafter set out and in accordance with the procedures and provisions hereinafter made and declared, desires to use and support the Authority's solid waste disposal system by providing for the disposal by means of the Authority disposal system of the disposable solid waste generated within, collected by, or otherwise under the control of the County.

4. The Authority's solid waste disposal system will be established and operated in two phases, as follows:

(i) Phase I - Phase I will consist of a regional landfill to be located in the City of Suffolk and operated by the Authority for the disposal of solid waste collected in the region. No hazardous waste will be accepted for disposal at the landfill during either Phase I or Phase II.

(ii) Phase II - Phase II will consist of a regional refuse derived fuel processing plant to be located in the City of Portsmouth, which will be operated in conjunction with the then existing landfill. Solid waste collected in the region will be dumped at transfer stations to be located to foster convenience and economy, some or all of which may be constructed for use in connection with the Phase I operation of the landfill. Solid waste which may be processed by the refuse derived fuel plant will be transported by the Authority to the processing plant where it will undergo a series of operations designed to remove certain saleable and non-combustible materials. Waste which cannot be processed at the processing plant, whether segregated at the point of collection, segregated at the transfer stations, or removed from waste at the processing plant will be disposed of by landfill. The combustible solid waste produced at the processing plant will be further processed into a fuel to be sold to

the United States Navy for the primary purpose of generating power at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard located in Portsmouth.

ARTICLE II - DEFINITIONS

1. Disposable Solid Waste (hereinafter DSW) - any Solid Waste other than Hazardous Waste, including especially material having energy value but currently being discarded without recovery of such energy value.

2. Disposal System - all those plants and facilities of Authority designed to collect, manage and dispose of Solid Waste and those designed to recover and use the energy from Disposable Solid Waste and the land, structures, vehicles and equipment for use in connection therewith.

3. Hazardous Waste - Solid Waste which because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics may: (a) cause or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible, or incapacitating reversible, illness; or (b) pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health, the Disposal System, or the environment when treated, stored, transported, disposed of or otherwise managed.

4. Plan of Operation - a plan adopted by the Authority setting forth the types of material acceptable to the Authority for disposal, times and places where material will be received by the Authority, methods of collecting fees charged by the Authority for disposal service, and such other information as will describe operating procedures, control use of the Disposal System and provide instruction and guidelines to users of the System. The Plan of Operation in effect on the date hereof is attached hereto, but such Plan may be amended by the Authority from time to time.

5. Solid Waste - all material customarily referred to as garbage and refuse and also sludge from a waste treatment plant, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility and other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from industrial, commercial, mining, and agricultural operations, and from community activities, but not including solid or dissolved material in domestic sewage, or solid or dissolved materials in irrigation return flows or industrial discharges which are point sources subject to permits under Section 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (86 STAT. 880) or source, special nuclear, or by product material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (68 STAT. 923).

6. Tipping Fee - the charge made by the Authority for the disposal of DSW.

ARTICLE III - TERM OF AGREEMENT

1. This Agreement shall become effective and operations hereunder shall commence on or about the later of (i) January 1, 1985, or (ii) the date on which the Phase I

facilities of the Authority are ready to begin full and continuous handling of DSW of the County, and the Authority has commenced to accept DSW or, in the opinion of the Authority, is ready to commence Phase I operations. The Authority shall give the County maximum practical advance notice of the date on which such Phase I operations are to commence. This Agreement shall continue until December 31, 2015; provided, however, that upon completion of the Phase II processing facilities, this Agreement may be extended at the sole option of the Authority for a term ending thirty (30) years from the Start-Up-Date of the processing plant. At such time as the Start-Up-Date of the Phase II processing plant is determined, that date and the extension of the term of this Agreement herein provided for shall be evidenced by a supplemental written agreement between the Authority and the County.

ARTICLE IV - DELIVERY CONDITIONS

1. The County hereby agrees to deliver or cause to be delivered to the Disposal System in accordance with the Plan of Operation, substantially all (at least ninety-five percent per year) the DSW which is generated or collected by or within or under the control of the County. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Plan of Operation attached hereto and made a part hereof as it may be modified from time to time by the Authority, the Authority hereby agrees to receive and accept all DSW delivered to the Disposal System by the County during the term of this Agreement and further agrees to properly dispose of it.

2. The County hereby agrees that all DSW to be delivered to the Authority pursuant to this Agreement shall be delivered in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Plan of Operation, which plan may be modified from time to time by the Authority.

ARTICLE V - DELIVERY POINTS

1. The Authority shall provide one or more points of delivery to the County for the disposal of DSW. The location of all delivery points shall be specified in the Plan of Operation but shall include at a minimum, one point of delivery within the County for the disposal of DSW which does not require special methods of handling or disposal. The Authority shall have the right to designate a separate point or points of delivery for any grades or categories of DSW which in its opinion require special handling or methods of disposal.

2. The Authority shall have the right, but not the obligation, to establish additional points of delivery from time to time within or without the corporate limits of the County, subject to consent of the local governing body wherein any such delivery point is to be established.

ARTICLE VI - TIPPING FEES

1. The County agrees to pay to the Authority Tipping Fees as established under fee schedules adopted by the Authority in accordance with the Virginia Water and Sewer

Authorities Act, for the disposal of DSW delivered to the Disposal System by the County. The Authority may establish individual fee schedules for various types of users and grades or categories of DSW which require special handling or methods of disposal, but the Tipping Fee schedules so established by the Authority shall in no event be based upon, or distinguish between users on the basis of, the point of delivery used or the distance of any user from a delivery point established by the Authority. No Tipping Fee will be charged to any users who deliver household DSW to the Authority for disposal in a privately owned automobile or a low-side pickup truck. For purposes of this classification, "household DSW" shall mean Solid Waste which, in the judgment of the Authority, is normally produced by a single family residential household, and the Authority reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to classify any user who delivers non-household DSW by means of a privately owned automobile or low-side pickup truck as a user subject to the payment of Tipping Fees. The Authority shall invoice the County for the Tipping Fees on a monthly basis, within ten (10) days after the end of the month. Said invoices will show the total tonnage received by the Authority from the County during the billing period for each category of DSW for which separate Tipping Fees are established and such other information as the Authority deems appropriate. Such invoices shall be due and payable on the last day of the month following the month covered by the invoice.

2. DSW delivered to any delivery point will be weighed or otherwise measured for the purpose of determining actual amount received. Fractions of tons actually received shall be invoiced on an accumulated basis each month. In the event of inoperation of the Authority's weighing scales or other measuring device for purposes of maintenance, repair, or replacement, an estimate of DSW actually received will be computed based on the average amount received per vehicle, when dumping records for such vehicle for the twelve (12) full months immediately preceding are available, or, when such records are not available, will be computed based on the average amount received per vehicle of like size and/or compaction ratio.

3. Nothing in this article shall exempt the Authority from requirements of general law with respect to setting of fees and rates for services offered. Nothing in this article shall require the County to pay disposal fees for DSW delivered to the Disposal System by anyone other than the County except collectors under contract with the County.

ARTICLE VII - TITLE TO SOLID WASTE

1. The County agrees that it will assign and transfer to Authority, all of its right, title and interest in and to all DSW delivered to and accepted by the Authority pursuant to this Agreement and such ownership shall vest in the Authority when recorded by the Authority's weighing scales or other measuring devices at a delivery point, except that title to Hazardous Waste shall not vest in the Authority even if recorded by the

Authority's measuring devices. However, inoperation of the Authority's weighing scales or measuring devices shall not alter the transfer of title of DSW to the Authority, if it is otherwise accepted. County further agrees to join with Authority in defense of any adverse claim to ownership of DSW. .

ARTICLE VIII - RIGHT TO CURE DEFAULTS

In the event of default under this Agreement, the nondefaulting party shall have the right, but not the obligation, to cure such default and to charge the defaulting party for the cost of curing said default, including the right to offset said costs of curing the default against any sums due or which become due to the defaulting party under this Agreement.

ARTICLE IX - NO PARTNERSHIP

Nothing herein shall be construed to constitute a joint venture between the Authority and the County or the formation of a partnership.

ARTICLE X - FORCE MAJEURE

1. "Force Majeure" shall mean any cause beyond the reasonable control of the party whose performance is affected, including but not limited to acts of God, war, riot, fire, explosion, wind storm, flood, labor disputes, inability to obtain or use fuel, power, or raw materials, shortage or failure of the usual means of transportation, injunction, governmental action, accident, or breakdown of machinery or equipment, whether or not any such occurrence is caused by the negligence, active or otherwise, of the affected party, its agents and employees. "Reasonable control" of a party shall specifically exclude that party's ability to reach agreement in a labor dispute and that party's ability to settle or compromise litigation.

2. Failure of either party to perform under this Agreement, including failure of the County to deliver or cause to be delivered DSW, and inability of the Authority to accept DSW at any or all delivery points, by reason of Force Majeure shall not constitute default or be cause for termination of this Agreement. However, the party so failing to perform shall immediately notify the other party of the failure, including reasons therefor, and shall make reasonable efforts to correct such failure to perform at the earliest possible date.

3. If, by reason of Force Majeure, the Authority cannot accept DSW at any or all delivery points assigned to the County, the Authority shall immediately provide for and notify the County of an alternate delivery point or alternate delivery points. Any additional direct current cash expense to the County incurred in using an alternate delivery point shall be borne by the Authority. The County shall not be liable to the Authority for any additional costs incurred by the Authority due to the County's use of an alternate disposal point, except that Tipping Fees at an alternate delivery point owned by and/or operated by or for the Authority, shall be applicable and due the Authority as if the

alternate delivery point was a regularly assigned delivery point for the County.

4. The County shall have the right, but not the obligation to dispose of or cause to be disposed of DSW at locations other than the alternate delivery point at any time during which Force Majeure is in effect. During such time, Tipping Fees shall not be due to the Authority for disposal of DSW at delivery points other than those designated as alternate delivery points or regularly assigned delivery points. Any additional costs incurred by the County as a result of using delivery points other than those assigned as regular alternate delivery points shall be borne by the County.

ARTICLE XI - EXTENT OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement, together with the Plan of Operation, represent the entire and integrated agreement between the County and the Authority and supersede all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by a writing signed by both the County and the Authority.

ARTICLE XII - ARBITRATION

All claims, disputes and other matters in question arising out of, or relating to, this Agreement or the breach thereof shall be decided by arbitration in Portsmouth, Virginia, in accordance with the (rules) of the American Arbitration Association then obtaining. This agreement to arbitrate shall be specifically enforceable under the prevailing arbitration law.

Notice of the demand for arbitration shall be filed in writing with the other party to this Agreement and with the American Arbitration Association. The demand shall be made within a reasonable time after the claim, dispute or other matter in question has arisen. In no event shall a demand for arbitration be made after the applicable statute of limitations would bar institution of legal or equitable proceedings based on such claim, dispute or other matter in question.

The award rendered by the arbitrators shall be final, and judgment may be entered upon it in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

ARTICLE XIII - GENERAL

In the event any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid and unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and binding upon the parties. One or more waivers by either party of any provision, term, condition or covenant shall not be construed by the other party as a waiver of a subsequent breach of the same by the other party.

Neither the County nor the Authority shall delegate its duties under this Agreement without the written consent of the other.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Authority and the County have caused this agreement to be executed on their behalf and their seal to be affixed and attested by officials thereunto duly authorized, all as of the day and year first above written.

SOUTHEASTERN PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY

BY: *Samuel B. Linking*

ATTEST:

Angela James

COUNTY OF SOUTHAMPTON, VIRGINIA

BY: *[Signature]*

ATTEST:

[Signature]

APPROVED AS TO FORM

BY: *Robert Floyd*
County Attorney

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The Southeastern Public Service Authority of Virginia has proposed to develop and operate a regional garbage and refuse collection and disposal system for its member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Southampton County is a Charter Member of the Southeastern Public Service Authority of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, The Southampton County Board of Supervisors has held a Public Hearing to determine if there are privately owned services available and adequate to perform these needed services as prescribed by the Code of Virginia, Section 15.1-1250.01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors has determined that a contract with the Southeastern Public Service Authority of Virginia in spite of any potential anti-competitive effect, is important in order to provide for the development and operation of a regional system of garbage and refuse collection and disposal for its member jurisdictions.

A copy teste: _____ Clerk

Southampton County Board of Supervisors

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