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Mr. Jake Barrett, Chairman
Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency
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Re: Report of Measurement of Mission Compliance in 2010
“OCRRA provides to the community a solid waste solution that is environmentally sound, highly efficient, safe and innovative, by utilizing the optimal mix of waste reduction, recycling and disposal.”

Sir:

I am pleased to report that the Agency was both diligent and successful in carrying out our Mission in 2010. In achieving this goal the Agency acted in accordance with our core values of:

- *Integrity and Honesty*
- *Environmental Stewardship*
- *Fiscal Responsibility*
- *Excellence in Services*

Our vision of being recognized as a world leader in local waste disposal and recycling solutions making our community one of the best places to live and work was achieved by our adherence to our mission and core values and recognized with several national awards received in 2010. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you, in detail, the results of 2010.

National & State Awards in 2010:

First Place National Award: Keep America Beautiful - for Outstanding Community Recycling Program

First Place National Award: Keep America Beautiful - for Excellence in Litter Reduction Program

National Award: US Composting Council - for Municipal Composting Program of the Year

NYS Award: NY State Association of Reduction, Reuse and Recycling (NYSAR3) - Recycling Team of the Year

Waste Reduction, Recycling & Disposal

In 2010, over 536,800 tons were recycled through mandatory and voluntary recycling (both residential and commercial) in the community, for a total recycling rate of 60% (www.ocrra.org/about_annual_reports.asp).

In 2010, the Waste-to-Energy Facility processed 315,385 tons of non-hazardous, non-recyclable waste (enough to overfill the Syracuse Carrier Dome) and, in doing so, generated 218,118-megawatt hours of electricity. The Facility's metal recovery systems recovered 9,000 tons of ferrous and non-ferrous metal for recycling, which would have otherwise ended up in a landfill. Lastly, 77,534 tons (24.6% of the original trash weight) of non-hazardous ash residue were sent to a landfill for use as alternative daily cover (http://www.ocrra.org/about_annual_reports.asp).

Reporting

The Agency supports transparency in all its operations, meetings and financial reporting. The Agency's comprehensive web site (www.ocrra.org) contains several years' worth of useful reports including our Annual Reports, Recycling Reports, and Compost Site: USCC STA Test Results, WTE (waste-to-energy) Reports, WTE Air Emissions and Ash Testing Data, and Annual Budgets. Our meetings are available at (http://www.ocrra.org/about_annual_reports.asp), open procurements at (http://www.ocrra.org/about_procurements.asp), our policies are available at (http://www.ocrra.org/about_policies.asp) and finally for additional information we have a very convenient portal for submitting FOIL requests (www.ocrra.org/FOILrequest.asp).

The Agency received an unqualified, clean opinion from our external auditors for 2010 that is included in our annual report at our website (www.ocrra.org/about_annual_reports.asp). In addition all New York State and Authority Budget Office reporting requirements and deadlines have been met and documents for these related requirements are available on our website at (www.ocrra.org/about_abo_reports.asp).

In conclusion, while the Board is currently in the process of updating and reviewing the Agency's Mission for 2011 and into the future; the Board of Directors, Agency employees and the community can be proud that the Agency has once again met its' Mission in a manner that affirms what good government is all about.

Very truly yours,



Warren D. Simpson
Business Officer