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Colorado Springs City Council
107 N. Nevada Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Re: **Recommendation of Approval with Conditions**
Application for Certificate of Designation
Stericycle Infectious Waste Transfer Facility
SW/ELP/SCS 2.1

Members of City Council,

Please be advised that this letter serves to replace the Recommendation of Approval with Conditions letter previously issued to Colorado Springs City Council by the Division on November 23, 2016.

On April 21, 2016, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division (Division), received from the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado, an official referral notification requesting the Division's review of an Application for a Certificate of Designation (CD) (Application) for an existing medical waste storage facility in Colorado Springs, Colorado. As described in the Application, Stericycle, Inc. has requested a CD for the existing Medical Waste Storage Facility (Facility), which consolidates and stores medical waste for transfer to an appropriate treatment facility. All medical waste storage is done in secured trailers, which are located in a secured yard at 4120 Mark Dabling, Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80905. Included in the Application is an Engineering Design and Operations Plan (EDOP) prepared by Golder Associates, and dated March 22, 2016.

The Division reviewed the Application to determine its compliance with the requirements set forth in the Solid Waste Disposal Sites and Facilities Act, Title 30, Article 20, parts 1 and 10 (Solid Waste Act) of the Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS), as amended, and with the regulations promulgated there under: the Regulations Pertaining to Solid Waste Sites and Facilities, 6 CCR 1007-2, Part 1 (Solid Waste Regulations). In accordance with the Solid Waste Statute, CRS 30-20-103 (2), a Completeness Review of the Application was performed within thirty (30) days of receipt. The Division issued written determination on April 21, 2016 that the Application was complete. It was not the intent or purpose of this Completeness Review to imply anything concerning the final approval of the Application.

On October 18, 2016, the Division published a notice in the Colorado Springs Gazette requesting written public comments on the proposed Stericycle Infectious Waste Transfer Facility. The public comment period ended on November 18, 2016, and the Division received no comments.



In accordance with the Solid Waste Statute, a technical evaluation of the Application was required after the completeness review had been conducted. The Division conducted a comprehensive technical evaluation, and on June 28, 2016, the Division provided technical review comments to the Facility.

On September 22, 2016, the Division received a comment response letter and a revised EDOP (Version 1) that incorporated the changes proposed in the comment response letter.

It is the determination of the Division that the Stericycle Infectious Waste Transfer Facility can comply with technical, environmental, and public health standards of the Solid Waste Act and the Solid Waste Regulations if the Facility is monitored and operated as stated in the CD Application and with the Division's conditions of recommendation as stated below in this letter. Based on our review and determination, the Division recommends, with conditions, that the Stericycle Infectious Waste Transfer Facility may be approved by the City of Colorado Springs based on these and any local criteria. The final revised Stericycle Infectious Waste Transfer Facility Application including the final revised EDOP (Version 1) and final resolution containing the CD must be placed in the Facility's operating record. In addition to the conditions listed below, please note that the Stericycle Infectious Waste Transfer Facility must comply with the public health and environmental laws, standards, and regulations of the Department and all other applicable state, federal, and local rules, and ordinances. Our recommendation for approval of the Application including the final revised EDOP (Version 1) has the following conditions that must be incorporated into the CD if issued by the City of Colorado Springs:

1. In accordance with section 1.8 of the Solid Waste Regulations, third party cost estimates for closure must be submitted to the Division within sixty (60) days of the issuance of the CD. Once the closure cost estimates have been approved by the Division, the Facility will have thirty (30) days to submit a financial assurance mechanism for review and approval.

In addition to complying with the Division's Solid Waste Regulations, the Facility must comply with all relevant federal, state, and local regulations, including but not limited to, the appropriate requirements of the Division of Water Resources, the Water Quality Control Division, and the Air Pollution Control Division.

Should you have any questions addressing the determinations herein please contact Jace Driver at (303) 691-4059 or by email at Jace.Driver@state.co.us.

