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Steven
By way of quick introduction I'm Kevin Matthews of National Strategies and I represent US Ecology and TD*X on state and local government matters. Rich Gold at Holland & Knight recommended I contact you directly after I discussed an issue that is developing in the State of Louisiana. I also believe you met Andy Marshall of US Ecology (cc'd here) a couple of weeks ago at an Environmental Technology Council (ETC) event in DC.

We would like to request a meeting with you as soon as possible to discuss a permit that LDEQ has proposed for a company known as Thermaldyne in Port Charles, LA. It is being issued under the Verified Recycler Exemption provisions and we believe there are significant issues associated with this approach that will have implications well beyond this facility in LA. We have filed comments with LDEQ and have had meetings directly with LDEQ, Region 6 and OSW staff in DC. However, our concerns are growing that EPA is not providing comments and information to LDEQ regarding this project, particularly in light of how this will have national implications. As such we would like to meet directly with you to share our concerns and thoughts and provide information on the various issues surrounding the potential issuance of this permit. We also know that LDEQ wants guidance and comments from US EPA on this issue.

Can we work with you to schedule time as soon as possible. The comment period on LDEQ's permit closed last week and LDEQ could have to make a determination soon so time is of the essence. We're more than happy to come to DC, but would also entertain meeting you at another venue if you have availability. We can also provide you information on this issue, but we know that EPA staff in DC and Dallas have information from us at this point.

I can be reached at the contact information below or also on my cell at 202-821-5737 as well. We're happy to answer any questions in advance of a meeting.

Thanks
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