



# MEMORANDUM

Date: September 10, 2019

To: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu  
Board of Public Works

From: Raymond A Rogozinski, Director of Public Works

Re: Covanta Excessive Trash Line

The Department of Public Works rubbish trucks along with all BRRFOC municipalities have been experiencing excessive wait times to dump refuse at Covanta. In order to address the issue BRRFOC has prepared and is in the process of submitting the attached letter.

As a result of the delays, the City has incurred overtime cost associated with extended driver's hours to work past normal hours or to come in early to dump trash prior to the start of the normal day. To date overtime cost is approximately \$700.00. The cost will be forwarded to BRRFOC to coordinate potential reimbursement.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 860-584-6113.

City of Bristol Public Works  
Email: [www.bristolct.gov/publicworks](http://www.bristolct.gov/publicworks)  
860-584-6125 or 860-584-7791

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# Bristol Facility Policy Board

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September 11, 2019

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Gentlemen:

This notice is sent to advise Covanta Bristol, Inc. that the fourteen Municipalities, parties to the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services Agreement, have experienced excessive wait times for incoming waste deliveries to the Bristol Facility in recent weeks, resulting in unanticipated overtime expenses, and placing carriers in jeopardy of violating USDOT hours-of-service Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

We previously communicated concerns about excessive queue times and the impact this has on public and private haulers. The Policy Board routinely receives complaints from the region's public and private hauling companies, with reports of wait times well in excess of 3 hours. When members of the Policy Board met with Covanta representatives in 2015, the parties agreed that wait times exceeding 3 hours unequivocally represent unreasonable and costly delays. While we recognize the Company has taken steps to address the problems noted above, and has been in regular contact with the affected haulers and communities, we are faced with serious economic consequences should Covanta fail to use commercially reasonable efforts to bypass or divert waste. To be clear, we believe wait times exceeding 1 hour are commercially unacceptable.

Financial damages have been incurred by the region's haulers, and we seek to redress such claims on behalf of public and contracted haulers. We request an opportunity to meet with Covanta representatives, including any corporate officers authorized to approve bypass or diversion of waste, to discuss specific actions to be taken and the time frame to make the necessary adjustments to eliminate costly delays.

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We look forward to your prompt attention to this matter and suggested dates and times to meet.

Sincerely,

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Erin Stewart  
Mayor, City of New Britain

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Ellen Zoppo-Sassu  
Mayor, City of Bristol

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Thomas Dunn  
Mayor, Town of Wolcott

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