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Re: **Comprehensive Study of Commercial Waste Management  
Draft Scope of Work**

Dear Elected Official/District Manager/Interested Party:

This letter provides you with 1) a copy of the draft Scope of Work (Study Scope) for a comprehensive study of commercial waste management in the City (Study) to be conducted on behalf of the City of New York Department of Sanitation (DSNY), pursuant to Local Law 74 of 2000, and 2) information about your opportunity to comment on the Study Scope.

## Study Objectives

In fulfilling the mandate of Local Law 74 of 2000, the Study will evaluate, and may recommend changes in, commercial solid waste management in the City, including strategies, incentives, new regulations and new legislation, necessary to implement these recommendations. These recommendations may address:

- The siting and operation of private transfer stations and waste collection operations;
- The future demand for commercial transfer capacity and long-term economic trends affecting waste disposal; and
- The means of facilitating a transition from the current mode of truck-based export to export by barge and/or rail.

## Study Background

DSNY's consultant team, headed by Henningson, Durham & Richardson Architecture & Engineering, P.C. (HDR), will conduct the Study and prepare a Study Report that contains findings and recommendations. It is anticipated that the Study Report will be issued to the Mayor and the City Council in March 2004.

In developing the Study Scope, DSNY and HDR conducted a series of meetings to solicit comments from elected officials, the public, the Citywide Recycling Advisory Board, the Borough Solid Waste Advisory Boards, Community Boards, environmental organizations, academics and other interested organizations. DSNY invited the public to speak at a public meeting held in each borough during November and early December 2002, and to submit written comments through December 16, 2002.

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## Study Scope Comments

A 21-day period has been established during which public comment will be taken on the Study Scope. The comment period begins on March 3, 2003 and ends on March 24, 2003. By March 3, the Study Scope, the transcripts of the testimony taken at the 2002 public meetings and the full text of Local Law 74 of 2000 will be posted on DSNY's website ([www.nyc.gov/sanitation](http://www.nyc.gov/sanitation)) for your reference. All comments should be submitted to me in writing, by mail or facsimile, prior to the end of the public comment period at the following address:

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Your comments will be considered and would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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