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**From:** Steve Changaris [mailto:schangaris@wasterecycling.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 24, 2017 11:56 AM  
**To:** Sawyer, Lee  
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**Subject:** CT Chapter NWRA Comments for Pending Proposals for the DEEP/MIRA Connecticut Solid Waste System Project (CSWSP)

Via Email

November 24, 2017

Mr. Lee Sawyer  
CT Department of Energy  
and Environmental Protection  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Mr. Sawyer:

The CT National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA) chapter is submitting this email comment pursuant to the November 24, 2017 deadline\* for the on-going Modernizing the Connecticut Solid Waste System Project (CSWSP) request for proposal process that is currently underway.

The CT NWRA chapter urges DEEP and MIRA officials not to accept; and, to know we will oppose, any new Mid-Conn facility project redevelopment that does not have the winning proponent managing a new or revamped facility at the existing Mid-Conn facility site that cannot accept at least 650,000 tons per year from local communities and haulers. Communities and haulers, when tipping at the new or revamped project, should also have the loads they tip processed at the new or revamped facility. Last, we also want you to know that we will not support any new DEEP/MIRA Mid-Conn facility redevelopment project where tipping fees will not be similar to the current range of various Mid-Conn project waste and recycle rates.

The rationale underpinning our requests stems from the fact that the existing Mid-Conn facility presently accepts about 650,000 tons of waste for disposal annually from more than 50 communities and haulers within CT. Based on the DEEP's own waste statistics the state has more than a 300,000 tons per year in-state disposal capacity shortfall. Any choice that allows any new or re-vamped Mid-Conn project to proceed that does not provide for the essentially equivalent on-site management of the wastes and materials and loads tipped at the site, will lead to more waste and materials being landfilled and managed in other states.

This kind of outcome is not emblematic of sound state based waste planning; and, it is also significantly inconsistent with CT's current solid waste plan and years of DEEP policy advocating for disposal self-sufficiency. The short and long term practical and policy benefits that flow from CT remaining essentially self-sufficient for its waste disposal needs are well known; and, should not be abandoned during this RFP and project review process.

The CT NWRA chapter CT for these reasons urges the DEEP/MIRA to ensure that any new or re-vamped Mid-Conn project provides at least 650,000 tons per year of essentially equivalent disposal and processing capacity at the Hartford site; and that our other concerns are addressed as well.

Thank you for your attention.

Regards,  
Steve Changaris  
CT NWRA Chapter Director

[\\*http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?A=4918&Q=597366](http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?A=4918&Q=597366)

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