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Dear Citizen:

I am pleased to announce the availability of a new report on the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) website. This report, titled "Assessment of Materials Management Options for the Massachusetts Solid Waste Master Plan Review" was completed by the Tellus Institute under contract to MassDEP.

The report is a literature review that summarizes data and information regarding the lifecycle energy and environmental aspects of various solid waste (materials) management approaches, including recycling, composting, landfilling, municipal waste combustion, and alternative technologies such as anaerobic digestion, gasification, and pyrolysis. The report provides some broad recommendations for an improved integrated materials management system. The report also summarizes successful programs from other jurisdictions.

For a full copy of the report, please visit the MassDEP web site at <http://www.mass.gov/dep/recycle/priorities/dswmpu01.htm>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Fischer".

John Fischer
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