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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
TRUDY D. FISHER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 8, 2014

Honorable George G. Patterson, Mayor
City of Oxford
107 Courthouse Square
Oxford, MS 38655

Dear Mayor Patterson:

Congratulations to the City of Oxford! The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has finalized our review and recommendations for approval of the applications for the Regional Recycling Cooperative Grants received in response to MDEQ's Funding Opportunity Announcement dated June 19, 2013. MDEQ received grant funding requests in excess of the amount of funds available for award. Therefore in applying the evaluation and preference factors found in Section VII (Application Review and Selection Process) it was determined the City of Oxford's proposal for the Cooperative Recycling grant be approved for partial funding in the amount of \$227,160. This approved grant award will be finalized upon the full execution of a formal grant agreement. Your grant proposal in partnership with the City of Calhoun City, Panola and Lafayette Counties, and the University of Mississippi is a major step forward in providing recycling opportunities for your citizens, and we commend you for these efforts.

The formal approval of this grant will be made by the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission) at the Commission's meeting at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 24, 2014 at the offices of the MDEQ at 515 E Amite Street, Jackson, MS. MDEQ is inviting you and/or other appropriate representatives of the City of Oxford to attend the Commission meeting to formally receive the award and to advance the execution of the grant documents.

We are excited about this opportunity to work with your City and your partner communities in this recycling project. Please advise our office by April 18, 2014 regarding who will represent the City in attendance at the April Commission meeting. In addition, representatives of your partner communities are also invited to attend if they have the opportunity. If you have other questions about the award, contact me or Luis Murillo with our office at (601) 961- 5171.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Williams".

Mark Williams, P.E., BCEE, Administrator
Solid Waste and Recycling Programs
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

cc: Amberlyn Liles, Assistant Director of Sanitation & Recycling