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TO: Directors of the Solid Waste Management Districts in Towns Affected by Irene

Dear Friends:

As you may have heard, I have been working with members of the Administration and with private-sector partners to put together a low-cost program for mobile home demolition and disposal. In mobile home parks around the state, homeowners are faced with removal and disposal costs which, if undertaken on an individual basis, can run upwards of \$3,500 for older mobile homes.

I'm pleased to report that our working group has secured bulk-rate pricing proposals from a handful of Vermont contractors, and, if we can bring together groups of homeowners in mobile home parks to take advantage of the program, we can demolish and remove damaged homes for a \$1,500 total price tag.

I'm also pleased and very grateful to have secured the cooperation of the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District, which has offered to essentially waive the tipping fees for any mobile home owners in their district who need to dispose of their homes. In this case, the need dovetailed nicely with an existing grant program, for which they increased available funds and which they extended in particular to victims of Irene.

It is our hope that your district will be able to offer similar help. Once we've completed our outreach, we can follow up with a list of individual homeowners in your district who are participating. For now, we simply hope that you can commit to helping us provide a more affordable mobile home removal option by reducing, or even waiving, your tipping fees in these cases. Our preliminary estimates indicate that up to 15 mobile homes in your district may become involved in the program. You should consider this a maximum possible number, as not every homeowner will ultimately choose to participate.

I would appreciate your following up with me as soon as possible to let us know if you are able to help. Please contact Nancy Driscoll in my office at nancy.driscoll@state.vt.us, or at 828-2226. Thank you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Scott".

Lt. Governor Phil Scott