



June 14, 2011

Tariff Advice Letter No. 12-731  
Regulatory Commission of Alaska  
701 West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 300  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: Alaska Waste Mat-Su, LLC d/b/a Alaska Waste  
Disposal Surcharge for Commercial Customers  
in the Mat-Su Borough Service Area

Dear Commissioners:

This tariff filing is transmitted to you by Alaska Waste Mat-Su, LLC d/b/a Alaska Waste (Alaska Waste) in compliance with the Alaska Public Utilities Regulatory Act and 3 AAC 48.200 – 3 AAC 48.430 and the Regulatory Commission of Alaska’s (Commission) directives for informational tariff filings issued in Order Nos. U-07-32(6)/U-07-33(5)/U-07-34(5)/U-07-35(5)/U-07-36(6).

Alaska Waste, through its undersigned consultants, revises the following tariff sheets:

Tariff Sheet Number		Cancels Sheet Number		Schedule or Rule Number
Original	Revised	Original	Revised	
	54, 3 <sup>rd</sup>		54, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mat-Su Roll-Off Container Rates
	57, 5 <sup>th</sup>		57, 4 <sup>th</sup>	Area Wide Commercial Surcharges

With this filing, Alaska Waste institutes a commercial disposal surcharge which applies to all commercial refuse collection services in the Mat-Su Borough service area. Roll-Off customers will not be charge the disposal surcharge. Roll-Off customers will be charged the new Matanuska-Susitna borough rate of \$60 per ton.

On June 7, 2011, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough passed Resolution 11-117. In Resolution 11-117, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough increased tipping fees 20% at the Matanuska-Susitna Landfill and Transfer Station. Resolution 11-117 is attached to this tariff filing as Attachment A. The disposal surcharge of 9.0006% represents a 20%

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disposal increase charged by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and increased expense to Alaska Waste.

This filing will increase commercial rates but will not result in the termination of an existing service, conflict with any other schedule or rate, or will not in any other way adversely affect customers or the public. This filing has no impact on regulated residential customer rates.

Alaska Waste expects that this tariff will go into effect after a thirty (30) day notice period to the public, or for services rendered on or after July 14, 2011. Alaska Waste will inform the customers impacted by this fuel surcharge by publishing a notice in the Anchorage Daily News. The public notice is included with this filing as Attachment B.

Any inquiries regarding this filing should be addressed to the undersigned consultant or:

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Sincerely,



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cc: Tami Graff  
Joe Moran

RCA NO. 731 Third Revision SHEET NO. 54

Canceling  
Second Revision SHEET NO. 54

**ALASKA WASTE MAT-SU, LLC d/b/a ALASKA WASTE  
SECTION 300  
RATES**

**300.20.4 MAT-SU ROLL-OFF CONTAINER RATES**

Roll-Off customers rates will vary from a low of One Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$115.00) to a rate of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) depending upon, but not limited to, the following circumstances:

- Multiple Locations
- Volume of Waste
- Type of Waste
- Weight of Waste (cubic foot/cubic yard)
- Size of Container or Requirements
- Pick Up and Return Requirements
- Access to the Container (removal/replacement)
- Ownership of Container (customer owned/utility owned)
- Travel Distance to Disposal Site (central transfer facility or landfill)
- Weather Conditions and Waste Characteristics
- Volume of Pick Ups
- Rental or Non-Rental
- Terms and Conditions of Payment
- Contracts (if any) and Term

Rates apply only on containers having a capacity of not less than 15 cubic yards, suitable for mechanical handling by carrier's equipment.

Rate applies to refuse collection and disposal service only. Landfill fees for disposing of the customer's refuse are in addition to the collection and disposal charge and appear separately on the customer's bill.

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For any collection not within the defined commercial zones, Zone 3 rates will apply and a charge of \$3.50 per mile round trip will be charged beginning outside of Zone 3.

Twenty-four (24) hour notice must be given the carrier prior to pick-up.

D= Reference to landfill fees was deleted.

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Tami Graff

Title: Chief Financial Officer

RCA NO. 731 Fifth Revision SHEET NO. 57

Canceling  
Fourth Revision SHEET NO. 57

**ALASKA WASTE MAT-SU, LLC d/b/a ALASKA WASTE**  
**SECTION 500**  
**ADDITIONAL RATES & CHARGES**

**AREA WIDE COMMERCIAL SURCHARGES**

Fuel Surcharge for all Commercial Collection Services for the Mat- Su Area

The following fuel surcharge rate will be applied to all rates and charges for Commercial Services, with the exception of disposal charges for Roll Off service.

**Fuel Surcharge**

**4.6 percent**

Disposal Surcharge for all Commercial Collection Services for the Mat-Su Area

The following disposal surcharge rate will be applied to the rates and charges for Commercial Services, with the exception of disposal services for Roll Off service.

**Disposal Surcharge**

**9.0006 percent**

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Title: Chief Financial Officer

Action:

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 11-**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REVISING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE.

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WHEREAS, MSB 8.05 establishes the non-areawide service of constructing, maintaining, and operating a system of solid waste disposal in the areas outside cities; and

WHEREAS, MSB 8.05.090 establishes solid waste fees and miscellaneous charges as required for the operation of the solid waste system and may be amended by borough resolution; and

WHEREAS, tonnage fees have not increased in over ten years; and

WHEREAS, expenses have increased due to regulatory requirements, hazardous and special waste disposal, leachate management, operations and contracting costs, landfill construction requirements, repayment of construction loans, landfill financial assurance and closure requirements, and recycling program contributions; and

WHEREAS, a rate study by SCS Engineers was concluded last year that evaluated long-term revenues and expenses for the solid waste division; and

WHEREAS, recommendations from that study were presented to the assembly in December 2010; and

WHEREAS, the study recommended the borough should continue

to operate the solid waste fund as an enterprise fund, continue to charge double fees for waste delivered from outside the borough, and escalate tonnage fees with a phased approach; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fee schedule would increase tipping fees and user fees by 20 percent in fiscal year 2012, and a prorated increase to be set by future Assembly resolution; and

WHEREAS, this rate increase program would enable the division to reduce the negative fund balance; and

WHEREAS, fee increases for most hazardous and special waste are not included except as specified because most are based on one dollar fee and an increase at this time would be minor; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that hazardous and special waste fees be increased in future adjustments to keep fees at rounded dollar amounts; and

WHEREAS, the division will need time to set up changed rates in the borough computer systems; and

WHEREAS, commercial businesses and waste haulers will need time to implement the rate change; and

WHEREAS, advertising and educating the public would facilitate a smooth transition; and

WHEREAS, an effective date of August 1, 2011 is requested for the rate changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly amends the fee schedule as follows:

**2012 AMENDED SCHEDULE OF FEES**New Rates for Central Landfill

## Disposal by weight:

0-200 lbs.....	\$6.00
201-400 lbs.....	\$12.00
401-600 lbs .....	\$18.00
601-800 lbs .....	\$24.00

Loads over 800 lbs. will be charged at a rate of \$60.00/ton

Unsecured Load Fee (residential).....	\$12.00
Unsecured Load Fee (commercial).....	\$36.00
Refuse from outside of Borough.....	\$120.00/ton
C & D (Construction & Demolition).....	\$54.00/ton
C & D (outside of Borough).....	\$108.00/ton
Vehicle/Trailer Weight Ticket.....	\$4.00

New Rates at Refuse Transfer Sites

33-gal. or less garbage bag/can = 1-2 bags/cans.....	\$1.00 ea.
33-gal. garbage bag/can = 3-6 bags-< 1 cubic yard.....	\$6.00
*Bed level or less = 1-3 cubic yards.....	\$12.00
*Bed level to halfway up cab = 3-4 cubic yards.....	\$18.00
*Halfway up cab to top of cab = 4-5 cubic yards.....	\$24.00
Unsecured load fee.....	\$12.00

New Rates for Special Waste

Commercial Refrigerators (freon removal).....	\$54.00
Refrigerators (freon removal) .....	\$24.00
Asbestos from Inside the Borough .....	\$100/ton
Asbestos from Outside the Borough.....	\$200/ton
Contaminated Soil from Inside the Borough.....	\$100/ton
Contaminated Soil from Outside the Borough.....	\$200/ton
Special handling fee.....	\$45/per half hour

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011.

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LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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## NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL TARIFF FILING

Alaska Waste Mat-Su, LLC d/b/a Alaska Waste (Alaska Waste) hereby gives notice that TA12-731 was filed with the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (Commission) on June 14, 2011. This informational tariff revision institutes a disposal surcharge of 9.0006% representing a 20% disposal increase by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and increased expenses to Alaska Waste. The surcharge applies to all commercial refuse collection charges (with the exception of Roll-Off customers). Alaska Waste expects this tariff filing will become effective for services rendered on or after July 14, 2011. In addition, Alaska Waste makes a change to its Roll-Off tariff sheet removing the condition that landfill fees will be the same as charged the Utility by the landfill owner. Roll off customers will be charged the new Matanuska-Susitna Borough rate of \$60 per ton.

A copy of this informational tariff revision can be reviewed at the offices of Alaska Waste between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 2400 Polar Bear Drive, Wasilla, AK 99654, (907) 376-2158, or you may email comments to the attention of Tami Graff at [tamig@akwaste.com](mailto:tamig@akwaste.com). These filings may also be inspected at the offices of the Commission at 701 West 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 300, Anchorage, AK 99501, (907) 276-6222.

Any person may file comments on the tariff revisions with the Commission at the address above or via email to [rca.mail@alaska.gov](mailto:rca.mail@alaska.gov) and include a statement that you have filed a copy with Alaska Waste. To assure that the Commission has sufficient time to consider the comments prior to the revisions taking effect, it is suggested that your comments be filed no later than July 5, 2011. Individuals or groups of people with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service, or alternative communication formats, please contact Joyce McGowan at (907) 276-6222, toll-free at 1-800-390-2782, or TDD at (907) 276-4533.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.