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Director Schmitz:

Fort Lewis College supports an extensive campus Recycling Program. Most of our commodities are sent to the City of Durango; however, the city program does not accept plastic. Until August 1999, we were able to bring our plastics to the Farmington Intermediary Processing Center for recycling. Since then, we have been storing our sorted bales in our stockyard.

On November first, we were able to transport six of these bales to Santa Fe, New Mexico to Environmental Control Inc. According to Waste Management employee Lawrence Garcia, who works at ECI, our bales were clean and profitable. At the low volumes of plastics we collect on our campus (about 10 bales per year), this commodity will not be a liability to the IPC facility. Fort Lewis pays a full-time Processor to collect, sort and bale our commodities. Therefore, when we receive a list of acceptable types of plastics, we will sort accordingly. Currently, our #2 plastic bales contain dyed as well as natural plastics. We only have three of these bales left, however, and we will now use the specific sorting regulations required by Waste Management to make our bales even more profitable.

It would greatly help our campus program as well as our local and world environment, if you would allow us to bring our plastics to your facility again. We will do what we can within reason to fit easily into your program. I look forward to hearing a response from you soon.

Thank you,

Melanie McKinney  
Recycling Manager