



June 11, 2026

Honorable Toni Preckwinkle  
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners  
and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners  
118 N Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60602

**Re: Board Item 26-1333 - Renewal of Solid Waste IGA with Illinois EPA**

Dear Madam President and Cook County Commissioners,

The Department of Environment and Sustainability (DES) respectfully requests authorization to extend an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for purposes of continuing a joint and cooperative solid waste inspection program. This agreement is the third renewal of the delegation agreement with IEPA relating to inspections and investigations of solid waste management sites in Suburban Cook County.

Pursuant to a grant previously appropriated through the annual budget process, IEPA will reimburse DES for up to 80% of the allowable costs to carry out the program. The total program cost per State fiscal year is \$624,618.28, resulting in a grant of \$499,694.63 and match of \$124,923.65.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (312) 603-8204, or [suzanne.malec-mckenna@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:suzanne.malec-mckenna@cookcountyil.gov), if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne Malec-McKenna".

Suzanne Malec-McKenna  
Director

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Sukmeke Watkins, Director of Government and Legislative Affairs  
Lynne Turner, Secretary of the Board  
Zahra Ali, Chief Administrative Officer