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**ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING**
State Form 55860 (R / 10-15)
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
IC 4-2-6-9

In accordance with IC 4-2-6-9, you must file your disclosure with the State Ethics Commission no later than seven (7) days after the conduct that gives rise to the conflict. You must also include a copy of the notification provided to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer when filing this disclosure. This disclosure will be posted on the Inspector General's website.

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| Name (<i>last</i>) Gratz | Name (<i>first</i>) Matthew | Name (<i>middle</i>) Robert |
| Name of office or agency Indiana Department of Environmental Management | | Job title Board Member, Recycling Market Development Bd. |
| Address of office (<i>number and street</i>) IGCN 100 North Senate Ave | | City Indianapolis, IN |
| | | ZIP code 46204 |
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Describe the conflict of interest:

I am a Board Member of the Recycling Market Development Board which approves funding for eligible projects focusing on reuse, reduction and recycling. I will need to recuse myself from voting on Republic Services Glass Recovery and Cleaning System Project. As Solid Waste Manager for the City of Fort Wayne, I manage the city's recycle contract with Republic Services. Under this contract, the City receives 75% of the net revenue from the sale of the single stream commodities from our collection program. This glass recovering system would help to increase the value of the glass material we recycle and thus benefit my department and the City as a whole. Therefore, I do not feel I should be voting on this project.

I have contacted IDEM Ethics Officer Kathleen Mills and she has advised me not to discuss the project with the other Board members and to recuse myself from voting on the project. In accordance with the statute, she has notified the IDEM Commissioner about my conflict of interest.

Describe the screen established by your ethics officer: (Attach additional pages as needed.)

The IDEM Ethics Officer has instructed me not to discuss Republic Service's proposed project with any of the RMD Board Members and not to participate in the Board's vote on the project on August 3rd.

AFFIRMATION

Your signature below affirms that your disclosures on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. In addition to this form, you have attached a copy of your written disclosure to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer.

Signature of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Matthew R. Gratz

Date signed (month, day, year)

8/2/17

Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Matthew R. Gratz

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Your signature below affirms that you have reviewed this disclosure form and that it is true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. You also attest that your agency has implemented the screen described above.

Signature of ethics officer

Kathleen Mills

Date signed (month, day, year)

8/2/17

Printed full name of ethics officer

Kathleen Mills

MILLS, KATHLEEN

From: MILLS, KATHLEEN
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 2:52 PM
To: PIGOTT, BRUNO
Subject: Conflict of interest notifications
Attachments: Ethics Disclosure conflict of interest Guerin.pdf; Ethics Disclosure conflict of interest Burrow.pdf; Ethics Conflict of interest Gratz.pdf

Commissioner,

Four members of the Recycling Market Development Board determined that they had conflicts of interest regarding some of the applicants requesting funding from the Board.

Each of the four members:

Mr. Gratz, Dr. Chen, Mr. Burrows and Mr. Guerin did not participate in board discussion or vote on matters in which they perceived themselves to have a conflict of interest. I am making this notification to you on their behalf to comply with Indiana Statute 4-2-6-9. I have attached the disclosure statements of Mr. Gratz, Mr. Burrows and Mr. Guerin to this email to provide you with the specific information. Dr. Chen's conflict of interest was with the application of his employer IUPUI. He contacted me prior to the RMDB meeting. However, I do not yet have his signed disclosure statement with the State Ethics Commission to share with you.