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## **PRESS RELEASE – SEPTEMBER 11, 2002**

The Township of Salem filed suit today against the operators of the Arbor Hills East Sanitary Landfill seeking to enforce the payment provisions under the Host Community and Lease Agreement between the parties. The Township's attorney, William D. Winters, announces that it had no choice but to file suit to collect monthly revenue payments unpaid since March for methane gas produced and extracted from the landfill. The suit also seeks to compel the defendants to make the payments at the rate established over the past 6 years, as well as to pay for products produced from the landfill gases, including tax credits received by the defendants as a result of the production of fuel from a non-conventional source. The Washtenaw County Circuit Court will be asked to appoint a receiver to take control of the gas operation and make the payments to the Township until final resolution of the lawsuit.

The Township's Board expects the defendants to file a frivolous counter-claim seeking a refund of alleged overpayments over the past 6 years in an effort to posture politically and possibly to preserve a pending sale of the rights under the Host Community Agreement to Clean Power Income Fund of Canada. As late as August 20, 2002, Gas Recovery Systems, Inc., the current gas operator, failed to disclose the pending sale to the Township while attempting to re-negotiate the Host Community Agreement which doesn't expire until 2007. The Township only learned of the sale when a Trustee found the information on the Internet.

The Township does not impose a tax on its citizens or local businesses, and relies heavily on the income received from the landfill to meet its budgetary needs.

Any questions should be directed to William D. Winters at 734-481-1120