



**STATEMENT BY BEN VELOCCI, PRESIDENT
Re: City's Zone Waste Collection Proposal**

Wednesday, August 17, 2016 - NY, NY - New Yorkers for Responsible Waste Management support the city's efforts to reduce truck emissions in New York City. Our members fully embrace Local Law 145 which mandates the upgrade of diesel engines to meet the 2007 Federal EPA air emission regulations for diesel trucks used in the private sanitation industry. We are the only industry in New York City expected to be fully invested in clean emission fleets by 2020 and we are on track to accomplish these goals.

The idea that a move to a zone system can effectively replace a highly regulated system that uses a mere 900 trucks to seamlessly collect and dispose of 4 million tons of solid waste annually is seriously misplaced. The industry is a consistent source of high paying working class jobs and continually produces an extraordinary level of customer satisfaction. A collection model using zones will create a high level of uncertainty for the industry and the business community.

We support collaboration among the city's regulatory agencies, the commercial businesses and the private sanitation industry to provide the solutions for waste management that protect the health, safety and vitality of New York City.

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New Yorkers for Responsible Waste Management (NYRWM) is an organization comprised of New York City's commercial waste haulers, also known as carters. NYRWM represents over a dozen companies, many of them multi-generational and family owned, whose employees live and work in all five boroughs. NYRWM is dedicated to collaborating with New York City government and its agencies, our large and small business owners and our local communities to reduce waste, promote safety for all waste management workers and to be a leader in improving our overall impact on the environment.