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Hello everyone,

It's me again, [Zero Waste Pete!](#) Kirstie left me in charge this week while she takes a vacation.

Below are some updates from each of the members of the team with *some commentary from me*.

Lauren's Corner | CLF Zero Waste Policy Analyst

The Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives (GAIA) released a report called [A Tale of 5 Cities: Plastic Barriers to Zero Waste](#). In the 5 cities studied, only 8.8% of plastic waste is actually recycled. Cities send a staggering amount of plastic waste to incinerators and landfills. Globally, 91% of all plastic has never been recycled. Despite this harrowing figure, cities around the world are considerably lacking in data transparency and records around municipal solid waste (MSW) management—data that is necessary to monitor progress and develop effective solutions. ["Show me the DATA Jerry!"](#) – a movie I have never seen. I think that's how it goes... But really, we need more data to make sure the plastic industry can't keep pushing self-serving narratives about recycling.

Check out this new article from Vox – ["This company claims to help the world's biggest corporations recycle. Activists say it's greenwashing."](#) A company that claims to make the unrecyclable – recyclable? If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Great article!

Kevin's Corner | CLF Zero Waste Project Staff Attorney | Covering Rhode Island and Connecticut

We at the Zero Waste Project are happy to report that Kevin and his family welcomed a baby boy to the world last week! Kevin's Corner is, therefore, going on a hiatus for the next 12 weeks as he spends some much-needed quality time with his loved ones. Congrats Kevin and family!

Peter's Corner | CLF Zero Waste Project Staff Attorney | Covering Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont

CLF Objects to Waste Management's Attempt to Dismiss Appeal of Crossroads Landfill Expansion – In July, Waste Management filed a motion to dismiss with the Board of Environmental Protection seeking to throw out an appeal CLF filed challenging the Maine DEP's decision to approve a 48-acre landfill expansion in Norridgewock. In the motion, Waste Management argued that CLF lacked standing

to bring the appeal. On August 9, 2021, CLF responded, arguing that the Board should reject Waste Management's motion as CLF had standing to bring the appeal. *Commenting on my own corner? Why not, my boss is on vacation!*

The Recycling Myth - Big Oil's Solution for Plastic Waste Littered with Failure – In a wonderful piece of reporting, [Reuters investigates the myth of "Advanced Recycling."](#) The expose shows the shortcomings of the harmful and polluting technology big oil has been promoting as a means to continuing churning out new plastics. *Check out this [great graphic](#) showing where big oil is pushing the false solution of "advanced recycling."*

[Judge Dismisses Motions In Casella Lawsuit](#) – A civil lawsuit by Toxics Action Center, Inc., and the Conservation Law Foundation against Casella Waste Systems, Inc., regarding the Casella's Bethlehem Landfill in New Hampshire, will proceed after Judge Paul J. Barbadoro's denial of the parties' cross-motions seeking summary judgment.

Olivia's Corner | CLF Zero Waste Project Communications Associate

It's time to Slash Trash – Join CLF in a week-long journey to reduce our trash. [Sign up today for our third annual Slash Trash Challenge](#) from Monday, September 27–Sunday, October 3. Are you up for the Challenge? *I know I am! September is right around the corner people (sorry for being the bearer of bad news). Sign-up now!*

Kirstie's Corner | CLF Zero Waste Director who is lazing about this week

Opposition to Bourne Ash Landfill Expansion – Conservation Law Foundation (CLF), alongside several of our partner organizations, submitted comments in opposition to the Town of Bourne's application to the Cape Cod Commission to expand its ash landfill by 25 acres. The expansion would allow 2.4 MILLION TONS of toxic ash to be buried there over two decades. Check out the very long, detailed, but still scintillating, [comments](#). Also, on **Monday, August 16 at 5:00 PM**, a subcommittee of the Cape Cod Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on the Project, which you can attend! More info on the hearing and how to join is [available here](#).

SouthCoast Matters: Conversations about Trash and Sewage Sludge – [Paul Letendre](#) invited me to come on his T.V. show and talk about trash, sewer sludge, and the challenges and opportunities the South Coast and Southeastern Massachusetts are facing right now in managing their trash and sewer sludge. My friend, [Jesse Mermell](#), co-hosted the segment and asked excellent questions! Check out both episodes ([here](#) and [here](#)) for our discussion on the proposed Taunton Sewage Sludge incinerator, composting, personal responsibility, and bills currently before the Massachusetts legislature that would help solve some of these issues.

That's a wrap for this edition of the Zero Waste Project Friends Update. Thank you for reading along.

As always, thank you for your support!

The Zero Waste Project at CLF

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