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## MRC Statement on Coastal Resources Facility

The Municipal Review Committee has been informed by the Coastal Resources of Maine plant that it is continuing to pursue a needed additional round of \$14.7 million in funding to support plant improvements and cash flow.

“We’re told, however, that even should the financing come through, it won’t be soon enough to meet current expenses, and plant operations must be temporarily suspended effective May 28 as a result of contractual issues with the plant operator.

“The MRC is working closely with all stakeholders to ensure that our members see minimal disruption in service and, ultimately, to secure and establish the funding and personnel necessary to operate the plant at its full potential.

“In the meantime, per our operating agreements with our members, waste will go to Waste Management’s Crossroads Landfill in Norridgewock.

“We want to underscore that the current issues at the plant are financial, organizational, and fixable. They are not technological. With the right operator/management, the plant will operate as it was fully envisioned. We are confident a new partner will see the benefits of this proven technology and, more important, of working with a 115-member strong organization that is committed to the long-term, environmentally sound disposal of municipal solid waste.”