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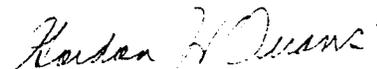
Dear Ms. King,

It is my pleasure to inform you that SEMASS Partnership has been awarded the 1996 Corporate Award by the Ecological Society of America. The Corporate Award is given by ESA to a corporation or business to "recognize its accomplishments in incorporating sound ecological concepts, knowledge, and practices in its planning and operating procedures." The theme of the 1996 Corporate Award is Resource Cycling, a field in which SEMASS has provided exemplary leadership.

The Corporate Award Subcommittee selected SEMASS because of its remarkable record of achievement in reducing waste flows in environmentally sensitive ways. SEMASS has demonstrated that environmentally sound solid waste disposal can be accomplished on large geographic scales, and in the real world of business economics. The work of SEMASS illustrates how to interweave ecological issues, politics, government, transport systems, and other issues to achieve good solutions to a major societal problem.

Your award will be presented at the ESA Awards Ceremony at the Society's Annual meeting this summer in Providence, Rhode Island. The Awards Ceremony is scheduled late in the afternoon of Monday, August 12. The plenary session will include the Past President's address as well as presentation of awards. Immediately following the plenary session there will be a small private reception for the award winners and ESA officers, to which you are invited. I hope that you will be able to attend the award ceremony and reception in Providence.

Sincerely yours,



Gordon H. Orians, President

cc: Edward Johnson, ESA Awards Committee
Nancy Huntly, ESA Secretary
Robert Naiman, ESA Corporate Award Subcommittee