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The Honorable Lois Wolk
State Capitol, Room 6012
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 574 (Wolk) Recycled Concrete – NEUTRAL

Dear Assemblywoman Wolk,

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is composed of approximately 7000 public and private sector solid waste management professionals throughout North America dedicated to the development and enhancement of environmentally and economically sound practices and policies for the integrated management of municipal solid waste. There are approximately 900 members of SWANA in California, and on their behalf I am writing to notify you on their change of position regarding AB 574 (Wolk), as amended July 13, 2005.

AB 574 would authorize the use of recycled concrete as long as the end user has been fully informed that the concrete is recycled concrete. AB 574 also defines exactly what constitutes recycled concrete.

SWANA's support for this bill stemmed from its understanding that the bill would effectively decrease the amount of concrete going to landfills. It has recently come to our attention that this will not be the effect. While AB 574 is well intentioned and causes no negative impacts on landfill operators, SWANA's support was based on its understanding that there would be a diversion of materials from landfills. SWANA feels that this bill no longer affects its members, and therefore must take a neutral position.

For these reasons the California Chapters of SWANA must neutralize their position on AB 574 (Wolk). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Will Dickinson, Chair, SWANA California Chapters
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