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Pursuant to the Executive Order 24-214 as amended, and the Division of Emergency Management Order 24-014, Hernando County is requesting an exemption to the 24-hour staffing requirements for landfill and debris collection based on the following:

- The total amount of storm debris from Hurricane Helene is not expected to reach 100,000 cubic yards. To date, 32,000 cubic yards have been collected and it is estimated an additional 20,000 cubic yards will be collected for this storm event (estimated total of 52,000).
- The County Landfill has been operating 24 hours and the demand for residents and contractors visiting this site dramatically reduces during night-time hours. For example, between 10/12/24-10/13/24 in the night-time, we went 7 hours of operation without recording a single visit to the landfill.
- We do not have the resources required to staff the landfill 24 hours to operate the scale-house, the landfill cell, and have landfill skilled heavy equipment operators on stand-by. Our current workforce has been operating extended hours and are not capable to continue 24 hours for the length of this order. A request was made to the State Emergency Management to assist additional staff on 10/11/24 (Mission 2410-0898) and this request was not filled.

Our request is to operate our County Landfill utilizing extended hours from 7am – 7pm Monday thru Saturday during the daytime hours (closed on Sunday).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey W. Rogers".

Jeffrey W. Rogers, P.E.
Hernando County Administrator