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**RE: Local Law No. 4 for 2013 - Food Service Waste Reduction Act  
Albany County, State of New York**

Dear Sir or Madame:

On November 12, 2013, the Albany (NY) County Legislature adopted Local Law No. 4 for 2013. This law requires all food service establishments operating in Albany County that are part of a group of fifteen (15) or more food service establishment locations nationally to refrain from selling prepared food in any disposable food service ware that contains polystyrene foam and use a suitable alternative product. Further information can be found in the local law which is enclosed for your convenience.

The Albany County Commissioner of Health has developed proposed Rules and Regulations in order to further effectuate and enforce this law. These Rules and Regulations are enclosed and can also be found on the county website at [www.albanycounty.com/health](http://www.albanycounty.com/health). Between June 6, 2014 and July 31, 2014, there will be a comment period. During this period, the Commissioner will welcome comments from the general public and affected businesses. The Commissioner anticipates that the Rules and Regulations will become effective sixty (60) days after filing with the Office of the Secretary of State. While the law's effective date is June 20, 2014, enforcement will begin on November 1, 2014.

If there are questions regarding this letter or the enclosures, please contact Ms. Marianne Stone of this Department at (518) 447-4620 or at [Marianne.Stone@albanycounty.com](mailto:Marianne.Stone@albanycounty.com). We look forward to your continued cooperation in ensuring the health and well-being of the residents of Albany County.

Sincerely,

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Division of Environmental Health Services  
Enclosures: 1) Local Law No. 4 for 2013; 2) Proposed Rules and Regulations