



DANE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
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To: Personnel and Finance Committee

From: John Welch
Waste & Renewables Director

Re: Exception to Dane County Ordinance 20.16 Prohibiting Travel to States that discriminate

Dane County Ordinance (DCO) 20.16 prohibits travel to states that have enacted a law that has the effect of voiding protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. DCO 20.16(3)(c) and 20.21 provide the Personnel and Finance Committee the ability to grant exceptions to this prohibition.

This memo requests an exception to DCO 20.16 to allow Dane County Department of Waste & Renewables staff to attend the RNG Coalition's RNG WORKS Technical Workshop & Trade Expo. This year's event is held in-person only in Nashville, TN September 20-22, 2022. Dane County is a supporting member of RNG Coalition, the premier and one of the few Renewable Natural Gas advocacy and education organizations. RNG WORKS is the only broad technical training conference produced in the industry.

The Dane County landfill gas to pipeline RNG Plant is a well-known and important project in a nascent industry. It also provides significant environmental and financial benefits to Dane County. Training and knowledge sharing provided at RNG WORKS is necessary for the continued safe and efficient operation of Dane County RNG Plant.

Thank you for consideration of this request and please let me know if you have any questions.