

March 27, 2026

Board Chair Corey Dunham

Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency

Re: Report of Measurement of Mission Compliance in 2025

Mission: Maintain a leading municipal solid waste management system that benefits our community and environment.

Chair,

New York State requires that OCRRA management report directly to the chair of the board each year on the Agency's progress and compliance with its mission. I am pleased to report that the Agency was diligent in carrying out our Mission in 2025. While working towards strategic goals, the Agency acted in accordance with our core values of:

- Integrity & Honesty
- Safety
- Environmental Stewardship
- Fiscal Responsibility
- Public Engagement
- Excellence in Customer Service

Guided by the Agency's vision, OCRRA uses effective and fiscally-sound strategies, including waste reduction, recycling, composting, energy recovery, disposal and public education, to ensure the safe and reliable disposal of waste while making our community a more sustainable and healthy place to live. Below are some program highlights, also contained in our annual report.

2025 Program Highlights:

- **RECYCLING:** OCRRA and county businesses recycled more than 413,397 tons of material. Special services to the community include the collection of rechargeable batteries and over 1,900 appointments to properly dispose of household hazardous waste. The collection of 10,000+ fluorescent bulbs kept more than 35,500 milligrams of mercury out of the environment.
- **LEY CREEK:** OCRRA continued its redevelopment of the Ley Creek Campus, making progress with engineering designs, and completing demolition of the old transfer station.
- **COMPOSTING:** OCRRA's pioneering food scrap composting program processed over 17.9 million pounds of food scraps from residential, commercial and institutional generators. More than 43,000 yards of high quality compost was produced in 2025.
- **ENERGY RECOVERY:** In 2025, the Waste-to-Energy (WTE) Facility processed 318,660 tons of non-hazardous, non-recyclable waste (enough to overfill Syracuse University's JMA Wireless Dome) and, in doing so, generated 213,016 megawatt hours of electricity. Additionally, 9,805 tons of ferrous and non-ferrous metal were recovered for recycling. The Facility also completed its major turbine outage, which occurs once every seven years.

- **DISPOSAL:** The by-product of the energy recovery process is a non-hazardous ash that, per the NYS DEC has a beneficial use as landfill cover. OCRRA has disposal contracts with several area landfills. In 2025, combined, OCRRA sent about 68,000 tons of ash to landfills.

REPORTING

The Agency supports transparency in all its operations, meetings and financial reporting. The Agency's comprehensive website (www.ocrra.org) contains several years' worth of useful reports including our Annual Reports, Recycling Reports, Compost Site USCC STA Test Results, WTE (waste-to-energy) Air Emissions and Ash Testing Data, and Annual Budgets.

Agency Meetings <http://ocrra.org/about-us/information/meetings/>

Annual Reports <http://ocrra.org/about-us/information/reports-and-policies/>

Open Procurements <http://ocrra.org/about-us/information/procurements/>

Agency Policies <http://ocrra.org/about-us/information/reports-and-policies/>

For additional information we have a very convenient portal for submitting FOIL requests (<http://ocrra.org/contact-us/foil-requests/>).

The Agency received an unqualified, clean opinion from our external auditors for 2025; that is included in our Annual Report on the website. In addition, all New York State and Authority Budget Office reporting requirements and deadlines have been met and documents for these related requirements are available on our website at <http://ocrra.org/about-us/information/reports-and-policies/#abo>

In conclusion, the Board of Directors, employees and the community can be proud that OCRRA has once again met its Mission in a manner that affirms what good government is all about.

Very truly yours,



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