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**Re: ELDA Recycling and Disposal Facility Closed Landfill, Hamilton County
Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c)(ii) Approval**

Dear Ms. Jones:

On August 10, 2009, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management (DSIWM), Southwest District Office (SWDO) received a document titled "*2009 First Semiannual Ground-Water Results and Statistical Analysis, ELDA Recycling and Disposal Facility*", dated July 31, 2009, for ELDA Recycling and Disposal Facility (Facility) located in Hamilton County. This document was submitted by Eagon & Associates Inc., on behalf of Waste Management, Inc., and provides analysis from the May 26 and 27, 2009, ground water sampling events at the Facility.

According to the document, analysis of the ground water detection monitoring data indicated that the following statistically significant changes were detected: ammonia in monitoring well W-18AR and chloride in monitoring well E-21AR.

Verification sampling was performed on July 21, 2009. Analysis of the re-sampling data demonstrated that the statistically significant change for chloride in monitoring well E-21AR was a false positive. Therefore, monitoring well E-21AR was automatically returned to the detection monitoring program pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c)(i). Ohio EPA acknowledges the return of this well to the detection monitoring program. However, the re-sampling data verified the statistically significant change for ammonia in monitoring well W-18AR.

Pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c)(ii), the owner or operator may demonstrate that a source other than the sanitary landfill facility caused the contamination, or that the statistically significant change resulted from error in sampling, analysis, or statistical evaluation or natural variation in ground water quality. A report documenting this demonstration must be submitted to and approved by Ohio EPA. If the owner or operator does not obtain approval to continue detection monitoring within two hundred ten (210) days from initial sampling, the owner or operator is required to comply with the provisions of OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E) for ground water quality assessment monitoring.

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The July 31, 2009 document concluded that the statistically significant change for ammonia at monitoring well W-18AR was due to natural water quality of the uppermost aquifer system and not a result of impact from the landfill.

Ohio EPA has reviewed the applicable information and concurs with the demonstration included in the July 31, 2009 document. Therefore, pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c)(ii), the owner or operator is hereby authorized to continue the detection monitoring program at the Facility for monitoring well W-18AR.

Should future or existing ground water sampling results indicate statistically significant changes in ground water monitoring parameters, the owner or operator will be required to either enter into assessment monitoring in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E) or obtain approval to remain in the detection monitoring program.

You are hereby notified that this action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to Section 3745.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$70.00 which the Commission, in its discretion, may reduce if by affidavit you demonstrate that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days of filing with the Commission. Ohio EPA requests that a copy of the appeal be served upon the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Section. An appeal may be filed with the Environmental Review Appeals Commission at the following address:

Environmental Review Appeals Commission
309 South Fourth Street, Room 222
Columbus, Ohio 43215

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact John McGinnis of Ohio EPA, SWDO at (937) 285-6449.

Sincerely,

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Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

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