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CERTIFIED MAIL

The Honorable Larry Silcox, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Huron County Solid Waste Management District
180 Milan Avenue, Suite 7
Norwalk, Ohio 44857-1195

**RE: Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.55(C)(1) Huron County Solid Waste
Management District Solid Waste Management Plan Approval**

Dear Commissioner Silcox:

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) has reviewed and approved the ratified draft solid waste management plan update (Plan) for the Huron County Solid Waste Management District (District). Director's Final Findings and Orders approving the Plan are enclosed with this letter. Attachment 1 is a summary of the implementation schedule that was derived from the District's Plan.

The District should proceed to implement its approved Plan in accordance with the implementation schedule and timeline contained in the approved Plan and in Attachment 1 to the enclosed Director's Final Findings and Orders. Please be advised that Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3734.55(C)(4) also requires the Policy Committee to "...annually review implementation of the approved plan... and report its findings and recommendations regarding implementation to the board of county commissioners or board of directors of the district."

You are hereby notified that this action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to ORC Section 3745.04. 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 Environmental Review Appeals Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of this 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 filing of the appeal shall be filed with the

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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 S. Fourth Street
Room 222
Columbus, Ohio 43215

If you have any questions regarding implementation of the approved Plan, please contact me at (614) 728-5357.

Sincerely,



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Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management

Enclosures (2): Director's Final Findings and Orders
Attachment 1 to the Findings and Orders

cc (with enclosures): Terrie TerMeer, Deputy Director, ODNR, DRLP
Peter Welch, Coordinator, Huron County SWMD
Mike Reiser, Environmental Supervisor, DSIWM-NWDO

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BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



In the matter of:

Huron County Solid Waste Management District
180 Milan Avenue
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

: Director's Final
: Findings and Orders
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I. JURISDICTION

These Director's Final Findings and Orders (Orders) are issued to the Huron County Solid Waste Management District (District), pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3734.55(C).

II. PARTIES

These Orders shall be binding upon the District.

III. DEFINITIONS

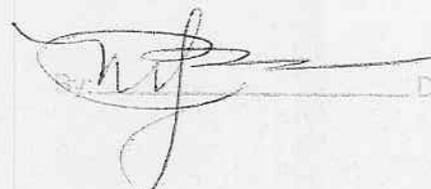
Unless otherwise stated, all terms used in these Orders shall have the same meanings as defined in ORC Chapter 3734 and the rules promulgated thereunder.

IV. FINDINGS

The Director of Ohio EPA has determined the following findings:

1. Pursuant to ORC Section 3734.56, the policy committee of a solid waste management district (SWMD) with an approved solid waste management plan that contains a planning period of fifteen or more years is required to submit an amended solid waste management plan that complies with the requirements in Divisions (A), (B), (D), and (E)(1) of ORC Section 3734.53 to the Director of Ohio EPA on or before the fifth year anniversary of the date the existing solid waste management plan was approved.

I certify this to be a true and accurate copy of the official documents as filed in the records of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

 Date: 5.4.11

2. The existing solid waste management plan for the District was approved on November 5, 2004 and covers a planning period of fifteen years. The date the District's draft amended solid waste management plan was due to Ohio EPA was November 5, 2009.
3. On October 23, 2009, Ohio EPA received a draft amended solid waste management plan from the policy committee for the District.
4. Pursuant to ORC Section 3734.55, the Director of Ohio EPA is required to provide the policy committee of a SWMD with a written, nonbinding advisory opinion regarding a draft solid waste management plan and any recommended changes to it that the Director considers necessary to effect its approval.
5. On December 7, 2009, Ohio EPA mailed a written, nonbinding advisory opinion concerning the draft amended solid waste management plan received on October 23, 2009 to the District's policy committee.
6. Pursuant to ORC Section 3734.55, the policy committee of a SWMD is required to submit a draft solid waste management plan that has been ratified in accordance with the criteria established in Division (B) of ORC Section 3734.55 to the Director of Ohio EPA to be reviewed for compliance with Divisions (A), (B), (D), and (E)(1) of ORC Section 3734.53.
7. On April 29, 2011, Ohio EPA received a ratified, draft, amended solid waste management plan from the policy committee for the District.
8. The Director has determined that the District's ratified, draft, amended solid waste management plan is in compliance with Divisions (A), (B), (D), and (E)(1) of Section 3734.53 of the ORC.

V. ORDERS

1. The ratified, draft, amended plan of the District that was received by Ohio EPA on April 29, 2011 is hereby approved.
2. The District shall proceed to implement its approved solid waste management plan in accordance with the strategies, programs, and activities described in the ratified, draft, amended solid waste management plan and contained in the implementation schedule included as Attachment 1 to these Orders.

VI. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

All actions required to be taken pursuant to these Orders shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

VII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

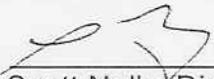
Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Ohio EPA from seeking legal or equitable relief to enforce the terms of these Orders or from taking other administrative, legal, or equitable action as deemed appropriate and necessary, including seeking penalties against the District for noncompliance with these Orders.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Ohio EPA from exercising its lawful authority to require the District to perform additional activities pursuant to ORC Chapter 3734 or any other applicable laws in the future. Nothing herein shall restrict the right of the District to raise any administrative, legal, or equitable claim or defense with respect to such further actions which Ohio EPA may seek to require of the District. Nothing in these Orders shall be construed to limit the authority of Ohio EPA to seek relief for violations which may occur.

VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these Orders is the date these Orders were entered into the Ohio EPA Director's Journal.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Scott Nally, Director
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

ATTACHMENT 1 TO THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS
Summary of the Implementation Schedule for the

Huron County Solid Waste Management District

Several sections of the ratified, draft, amended solid waste management plan update (Plan) submitted by the Solid Waste Management District or Authority identified above are considered to be part of the implementation schedule required in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.53(A)(13). This attachment lists the elements that Ohio EPA understands to constitute the implementation schedule contained in the District's or Authority's Plan. These elements are listed in the table below.

Implementation Schedule for Facilities, Strategies, Programs and Activities

1. Elements of the Plan	2. According to the Plan, when will implementation of this strategy begin and end?	3. Which Goal will this strategy be used to demonstrate compliance with?
Commercial/Industrial Sector TA and Education		
4974 Commercial/Industrial Workshops are provided by the District upon request; focus on the benefits of source reduction and recycling and recycling opportunities in Huron County (page IV-15 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 3, Goal 4
4972 Commercial/Industrial Newsletter is distributed to inform businesses and industries about source reduction and recycling opportunities and to promote implementation of such programs; also used to promote OMEX (page IV-15 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 3, Goal 4
8291 District will implement a website that provides a clearinghouse of information on District activities and programs, MRF, recycling locations and District contact info (page V-7 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update)	starting in 2013 and lasting throughout planning period	Goal 3 Goal 4
4971 Recycling Assistance Program offers literature that focuses on recycling options and a list of locations where businesses can take recyclables (page IV-15 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 3, Goal 4
4970 Recycling Assistance Program offers waste audits upon request (page IV-15 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 3, Goal 4
Curbside Recycling, Non-Subscription		
1847 New London Village (Table VI-5 and page VII-7 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 1, Goal 2
1846 Norwalk City (Table VI-5 and page VII-7 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 1, Goal 2

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Curbside Recycling, Subscription

3905 None

Drop-off Recycling

4950 New Haven Township (Table VI-5 and Table VII-2 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 2
4948 Norwich Township (Table VI-5 and Table VII-2 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 2
4949 Richmond Township (Table VI-5 and Table VII-2 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 2
4947 Wakeman Township/Wakeman Village (Table VI-5 and Table VII-2 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 2

Drop-off Recycling, FS, Rural

4944 Greenfield Township (Table VI-5 and Table VII-2 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 1, Goal 2
4946 Greenwich Village (Table VI-5 and Table VII-2 of Plan Update)	throughout the planning period	Goal 1, Goal 2
4938 New London Village and Township (Table VI-5 and Table VII-2 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 1, Goal 2

Drop-off Recycling, FS, Urban

4936 Norwalk City (Table VI-5 and Table VII-2 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 1, Goal 2
4937 Norwalk City at County Offices (Table VI-5 and Table VII-2 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 1, Goal 2

Drop-off Recycling, PT, Rural

8292 Bronson Township (Table VI-5 and Table VII-2 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 1 Goal 2
4945 drop-off location to be determined (Table VI-5 and Table VII-2 of Plan Update)	2015 throughout planning period	Goal 1, Goal 2
4942 Hartland Township (Table VI-5 and Table VII-2 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 1, Goal 2
4940 Lyme Township (Table VI-5 and Table VII-2 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 1, Goal 2
4943 Norwalk Township (Table VI-5 and Table VII-2 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 1, Goal 2
4941 Ridgefield Township/Monroe Village (Table VI-5 and Table VII-2 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 1, Goal 2

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Drop-off Recycling, PT, Urban

4939 Willard City (Table VI-5 and Table VII-2 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 1, Goal 2
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Electronics Collection

5404 District provides annual collection event for electronics (page IV-13 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 2
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Household Hazardous Waste

4964 District will continue to evaluate opportunities for partnerships that may allow the District to offer special collection events for specific HHW waste streams (page V-8 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 5
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8288 Household Hazardous Waste Program educates residents about household hazardous waste and proper disposal methods through publications and phone inquiries (page IV-12 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 5
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4967 Used Oil Recycling Program provides list of locations that accept used oil (page IV-12 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 5
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Lead-Acid Battery Programs

4965 Battery Recycling Program maintains and distributes a list of lead acid battery recyclers and information for cell phone and rechargeable battery outlets (page IV-12 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 5
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4966 Permanent collection of lead-acid batteries at transfer facility (page IV-13 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 5
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MRFs

8284 Huron County Transfer Facility (pages IV-7 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	
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Other Facilities (1)

8286 Class IV Huron County Composting Facility (Table VI-5 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	
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4952 Huron County Transfer Facility (page IV-4 and Table VI-5)	throughout planning period	Goal 1, Goal 2
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Other Programs

8293 Norwalk City Recycling Incentive Grant from District to aid with non-subscription curbside program	2011 - 2015	
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4951 Punch Card Program serving Bronson, Clarksfield, Fitchville, Greenfield, Hartland, Norwalk, Ripley, and Townsend Townships by offering central drop box for waste disposal and recycling at transfer facility (page IV-6 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 2
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4968 Survey Strategy used to assess commercial and industrial recycling levels, support District planning efforts and effectively focus education efforts; at a minimum, performed before each plan update (page IV-16 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update)

throughout planning period

Goal 2

Other Residential/Commercial Recycling

4958 White Goods Collection Program provides permanent white goods collection at transfer facility (page IV-9 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update).

throughout planning period

Goal 2

Residential Sector Education and Awareness

8290 District will implement a website that provides a clearinghouse of information on District activities and programs, MRF, recycling locations and District contact info (page V-7 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update)

starting in 2013 and lasting throughout planning period

Goal 3
Goal 4

4955 Environmental Education Program targets school age children K-12 and youth and civic groups. Supports recycling and litter prevention education that includes curriculum development, teacher training, and programming for K-8 (page IV-9 of Plan Update).

throughout planning period

Goal 3,
Goal 4

4954 Environmental Events Program provides educational opportunities to District residents at regular events such as Earth Day, Clean Sweep, etc. (page IV-8 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update)

throughout planning period

Goal 3,
Goal 4

4956 Recycling/Reuse/HHW Publications Program provides press releases and radio advertisements, preparation and distribution of brochures/flyers about recycling, HHW, yard waste composting, scrap tires and used oil (page IV-9 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update).

throughout planning period

Goal 3, Goal 4

Scrap Tire Programs

4959 Scrap Tire Program provides permanent scrap tire collection at transfer facility (page IV-10 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update).

throughout planning period

Goal 5

Yard Waste Programs

4960 Class IV composting site at Huron County transfer facility for use by all residents (page IV-11 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update)

throughout planning period

Goal 2
Goal 4

4961 Compost facilities for residents of Norwalk City and Village of New London (page IV-11 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update)

throughout planning period

Goal 2
Goal 4

8287 District distributes information on yard waste composting, District yard waste outlets and other yard waste management options via brochures/flyers through Recycling/Reuse/HHW Publication Program (pages IV-9 and V-8 of Plan Update)

throughout planning period

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4963 District offers yard waste education classes through the Huron Soil and Water Conservation District (pages V-8 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 4
4962 Norwalk City offers curbside leaf collection in fall (page IV-11 and Table VI-5 of Plan Update)	throughout planning period	Goal 2 Goal 4