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Hancock County Board of Commissioners
300 South Main Street
Findlay, Ohio 45840

Re: Hancock County Landfill, Hancock County
Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c) Authorization

Dear Commissioners:

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) received a demonstration titled "Demonstration of False Indication of Contamination of Sodium in Groundwater," dated February 20, 2003, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c). This demonstration was submitted due to a statistically significant increase for sodium in wells MW-1, MW-2, MW-3, MW-4, MW-14, SW-1, SW-2, SW-4, SW-5, and SW-15 which occurred during the August 7-8, 2002 annual sampling event at the Hancock County Landfill. This request was submitted to remain in detection monitoring at MW-1, MW-2, MW-3, MW-4, MW-14, SW-1, SW-2, SW-4, SW-5, and SW-15.

Pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c), the owner or operator may demonstrate that a source other than the facility caused the contamination, or the increase resulted from error during sampling, analysis, or evaluation, or natural variation in the groundwater. The February 20, 2003, demonstration concluded that the statistically significant increase of sodium in wells MW-1, MW-2, MW-3, MW-4, MW-14, SW-1, SW-2, SW-4, SW-5, and SW-15 was due to a source other than the landfill.

Ohio EPA concurs with the demonstration and approves continuation of the detection monitoring program in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c) for the wells and parameter specified above.

Should future or existing ground water sampling results indicate statistically significant increases in ground water monitoring parameters, the facility owner or operator will be required to enter into assessment monitoring in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E) or obtain an approval to remain in the detection monitoring program in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c).

You are hereby notified that this action of the Director of Environmental Protection is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission (Commission) pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3745.04. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the ground upon which the appeal is based. The appeal shall be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of the action. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the director within three (3) days after the appeal is filed with the Commission. An appeal may be filed with the Commission at the following address:

Bob Taft, Governor
Maureen O'Connor, Lieutenant Governor
Christopher Jones, Director

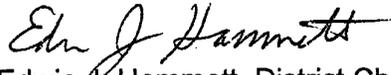
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office of the Director of
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Environmental Review Appeals Commission
236 East Town Street
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

If you have any questions concerning this document, you may contact Ben Smith at the Ohio EPA, Northwest District Office, at (419) 373-3062.

Sincerely,



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for Christopher Jones, Director

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