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Hancock County Board of Commissioners  
300 South Main Street  
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**Re: Hancock County Landfill, Hancock County  
Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b) Approval**

Dear Commissioners:

On February 13, 2006, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management (DSIWM), Northwest District Office (NWDO) received a document titled "Hancock County Sanitary Landfill - Revised Statistical Limit for Chloride in the Monitoring Well MW-4" dated February 8, 2006, for the Hancock County Landfill (Facility) located in Hancock County. This document was submitted by Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. on behalf of the Hancock County Commissioners, pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c)(ii), for continuation of detection monitoring at the Hancock County Landfill. However, since the time limits in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c)(ii) were exceeded, Ohio EPA has reviewed this request pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b). ■

Pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b), 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 from natural variation in ground water quality and request that the director approve reinstatement of the detection monitoring program.

The February 8, 2006 document concluded that the statistically significant changes for chloride in monitoring well MW-4 were due to errors in the statistical evaluation relative to chloride in monitoring well MW-4 during the November 9 and 10, 2005 semiannual sampling event, and not as a result of impact from the landfill. Ohio EPA has reviewed the applicable information and concurs with this conclusion. Therefore, pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b), I hereby approve reinstatement of the ground water detection monitoring program for the monitoring wells in the ground water quality assessment monitoring program, noted above, and release the owner or operator from the obligation to comply with this assessment monitoring program at the Facility. This approval of reinstatement of the detection monitoring program applies to monitoring well MW-4.

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 the ground water quality assessment monitoring program in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E) or obtain approval to remain in the detection monitoring program pursuant to OAC Rule

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3745-27-10(D)(7)(c).

This approval shall not be construed to release the owner or operator from the obligation to comply with the requirements of any other ground water quality assessment monitoring program being conducted at the Facility.

You are hereby notified that this action of the Director of Ohio EPA (Director) 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 grounds upon which the appeal is based. It must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action. A copy of the appeal must be served on the Director within three (3) days after filing with the Commission. An appeal may be filed with the 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 Jeremy Scoles of Ohio EPA, NWDO at (419) 373-3079.

Sincerely,

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