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May 9, 2007

**RE: COUNTYWIDE RDF  
STARK COUNTY  
NOTICE OF VIOLATION/PARTIAL  
INSPECTION REPORT**

Tim Vandersall  
General Manager  
Countywide Recycling and Disposal Facility (RDF)  
3619 Gracemont Street S.W.  
East Sparta, OH 44626

Dear Mr. Vandersall:

On April 23, 2007, I conducted a partial inspection of the Countywide RDF, located at 3619 Gracemont Street S.W., East Sparta in Stark County, Ohio. Accompanying me during the inspection were representatives from American Environmental Group, Ltd. (AEGL). Michael Beaudoin of EarthTech assisted me during the files/records review. Weather conditions were cloudy and windy with temperatures around 55° F.

The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Sections 3714. and 3734., Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-27, and the Director's Final Findings and Orders (F&Os) issued for Countywide RDF on March 28, 2007. The facility's southern 88-acre landfill and the files/records kept as required by the F&Os were the only part of the facility inspected on this date.

Ohio EPA observed the AEGL representatives taking tedlar bag samples of the following gas collection wells: PW-135, PW-124, PW-41R2, PW-41, PW-41R, PW-42, PW-135, PW-134 and PW-133. These samples were taken for the purposes of testing under methods TO-15 (VOCs) and D-1946 (CH<sub>4</sub>). No violations were identified during the sampling event.

During the file review of the records required per the F&Os, it was pointed out by Mr. Beaudoin that some of the records would be absent from the files, as they have not gone through the final QA/QC process. Most sections of the files contained data, while some were empty. The following file sections were reviewed, based on the F&Os: 4.A.1 through 4.A.13; 4.B through 4.E; 5.A through 5.C; 6.A and 6.B; and 7 through 16. Following the file review, it was pointed out to Mr. Beaudoin that the records being kept per section 4.A.7 of the F&Os were missing the "highest recorded temperature and depth specifically highlighted" that is required. No other significant deficiency was noted in the files.

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The following violation(s) is/are occurring at the facility:

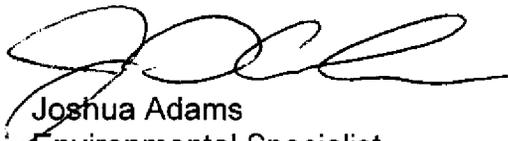
1. **OAC rule 3745-27-19(E)(3)(a)**: *"The owner or operator shall have adequate equipment, material, and services available at or near the facility to control fire. The owner or operator shall act immediately to control or extinguish any fire."*

As you are aware, the Director of Ohio EPA determined that a fire is occurring at Countywide Recycling and Disposal Facility. OAC Rule 3745-27-19(E)(3)(a) requires Countywide to "act immediately to control or extinguish fire." Countywide is in violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-19(E)(3)(a) because, as of the date of inspection, the fire is neither controlled nor extinguished; however, we acknowledge that Countywide has entered into Director's Final Findings and Orders with Ohio EPA that requires the facility to undertake actions necessary to develop the remedy for this violation and further sets forth a schedule to attain compliance with OAC Rule 3745-27-19(E)(3)(a). In light of this circumstance, Countywide will remain in violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-19(E)(3)(a) until the fire is extinguished. Although Countywide is undertaking extensive efforts to comply with the Orders, in the event that Countywide falls delinquent in its performance under the Orders, be aware further escalated enforcement action may follow to redress this serious violation.

Nothing in this letter shall be construed to authorize any waiver from the requirements of any applicable state or federal laws or regulations. This letter shall not be interpreted to release the owner or operator of Countywide RDF, or others, from responsibility under Chapters 3704., 3714., 3734., or 6111. of the Ohio Revised Code or under the Federal Clean Water or Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Acts remedying conditions resulting from any release of contaminants to the environment.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (330) 963-1103, or e-mail me at "[joshua.adams@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:joshua.adams@epa.state.oh.us)."

Sincerely,



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