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**CERTIFIED MAIL**

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**RE: Countywide RDF, Stark County  
Ongoing Notice of Violation (NOV) and Partial Inspection Report**

Dear Mr. Vandersall:

On July 17 and July 19, 2007, I conducted partial inspections of Countywide RDF, located at 3619 Gracemont Street S.W., East Sparta in Stark County. Accompanying me during the inspections were Frank Zingales of Ohio EPA on July 17 and Julie McGowan of American Environmental Group (AEG) on July 19. Mike Beaudoin of Earthtech and Mike Contestabile of Cornerstone Environmental Group, LLC also assisted me during the files/records reviews. Weather conditions on July 17 were fair with temperatures around 70°F and on July 19 were overcast with temperatures around 70°F.

The purpose of the partial inspections was to evaluate compliance with portions of 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, the 170-acre expansion project currently being constructed, and the files/records kept as required by the F&Os were inspected and reviewed on these dates.

On July 17, Mr. Zingales and I observed AEG field technicians taking air samples per Orders 4.A.7, 4.A.8 and 4.A.9 of gas extraction wells PW131, PW 132 and PW141. During the sampling of PW131 it was noted that a small erosion channel had formed. Attached below is a photograph taken of the erosion channel. The facility operators were informed that this needed immediate attention.

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At the time of the inspection no offsite odor complaints were brought to Ohio EPA's attention.

On July 19, I observed Ms. McGowan taking temperature readings of the leachate sumps and collection lines. The following information is the details of these readings:

<u>Cell/Sump</u>	<u>Temperature °F</u>	<u>Collection Line</u>	<u>Temperature °F</u>
1	146.3	1C	98.0
2N*	65.4	1D	99.1
2S	84.5	2C	111.3
3*	121.7	3B	184.8
4	disconnected for mx	3C	175.5
5A/B & 6	106.8	4C	112.4
5C/D	109.7	4E	141.1
		5A/B	105.8
		6B	113.5

\*liquid level for 2N = 34.34" and 3 = 12.3"; pump hours for 2N = 148 and 3 = 5481.7

Sections 4.A.1 through 4.A.13 of the F&Os were reviewed for completeness. All documents expected to be maintained in accordance with the F&Os appeared to be present. This inspection, however, did not include a qualitative review of the data contained therein.

At the time of the inspections no offsite odor complaints were brought to Ohio EPA's attention.

The following ongoing violation is 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."*

The Director of Ohio EPA has determined that a fire is occurring at Countywide RDF, as detailed in the F&Os dated March 28, 2007. OAC rule 3745-27-19(E)(3)(a) required Countywide RDF to "act immediately to control or extinguish fire." Countywide RDF continues to be 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, Ohio EPA acknowledges that Countywide RDF has entered into F&Os with the Director that require the facility to undertake actions necessary to develop the remedy for this violation and further set forth a

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schedule to attain compliance with OAC rule 3745-27-19(E)(3)(a). In light of this circumstance, Countywide RDF will remain in violation of OAC rule 3745-27-19(E)(3)(a) until the fire is extinguished. Although Countywide RDF is undertaking extensive efforts to comply with the F&Os, in the event that Countywide RDF falls delinquent in its performance under the F&Os, 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 ORC 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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