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**Re: Notice of Violation
Hancock County Landfill**

December 9, 2009

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

Dear Commissioners:

On October 26, 2009, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) became aware of the acceptance of hazardous waste at the Hancock County Landfill (Landfill), through correspondence between Cardinal Bus Sales and Service, Inc. (CBSS), located in Lima, Ohio, and Ohio EPA, Division of Hazardous Waste Management (DHWM). During an August 7, 2009, compliance evaluation inspection performed by Ohio EPA, DHWM, at CBSS, it was discovered that CBSS was burning a waste solvent, which was a listed hazardous waste (F005), in a burn barrel. The ash from the burn barrel was removed and placed in a solid waste dumpster which was eventually picked up and disposed of off-site. The owner/operator of CBSS stated that J&N Hallers (J&N) picked up the solid waste dumpster, including the ash from the burn barrel. Additional investigation revealed that J&N disposed of the waste at the Landfill. Once burned the resultant ash was very likely not characteristically hazardous, but still carries the hazardous waste listing and should have been managed by the generator as a hazardous waste.

OAC Rule 3745-27-19(E)(8)(c) states, in pertinent part, "The owner or operator shall not accept for disposal or dispose of any of the following materials at a sanitary landfill facility . . . materials that are defined as hazardous wastes pursuant to rule 3745-51-03 of the Administrative Code. . . . The owner/operator of the Hancock County Landfill is in violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-19(E)(8)(c).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3079.

Sincerely,

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