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Re: Inspection Results  
Village of Paulding Class IV  
Compost Facility  
Paulding County

November 26, 2007

Mr. Harry Wiebe, Village Administrator  
Village of Paulding  
208 North Williams Street  
Paulding, Ohio 45879

Dear Mr. Wiebe:

On November 13, 2007, an inspection of the Village of Paulding's Class IV compost facility (Facility), compost facility registration number 63-C4R-0370, was conducted by me, representing the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA). No one was present at the Facility. Ms. Melissa Tope provided me with the daily log of operations for review. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with the compost facility regulations contained in Chapter 3745-27 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC).

There were three separate piles of material present on this day. A pile of processed brush was on-site for the public to utilize on the north side of the Facility. Brush and limbs were piled in the middle of the Facility. Leaves are currently being accepted and stockpiled on the south side of the Facility. The piles were manageable on this day. The area between the pile of brush and limbs and the pile of leaves contained ruts and ponding water. In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-45(G), "the owner or operator... shall... prevent ponding...". **The owner/operator is in violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-45(G) for failure to prevent ponding.** Please ensure the Facility is graded to eliminate the opportunity for ponding water. There was a small pile of unauthorized items present at the Facility, just west of the pile of leaves. The small pile included roof shingles, dimensional wood, and glass. Please ensure the proper steps are taken to prevent and remove unauthorized materials from the Facility and document such actions in the daily log of operations.

The daily log of operations Form 2 (incoming materials and distribution), Form 3 (materials management), and Form 4 (daily inspection checklist) were reviewed and found to be complete. The owner/operator conducts weekly inspections of the Facility and estimates incoming and outgoing material on a monthly basis. Please be advised that Ohio EPA revised the daily log of operations for compost facilities in January 2007.

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Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the new daily log of operations for you to implement. Please ensure the new forms are implemented by the beginning of 2008.

This correspondence addresses specific observations only for the areas of the Village of Paulding Compost Facility that were inspected. Nothing present in, nor absent from this correspondence is intended to mean that no other violations existed at the facility at the time of inspection.

Compliance with the requirements outlined in this letter, or the solid and infectious waste provisions contained in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3734 and the rules promulgated thereunder, does not relieve the owner/operator of the Village of Paulding Compost Facility from their obligation to comply with other applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

Please call me at (419) 373-3079, if there are any questions regarding this specific correspondence or any other issues.

Sincerely,



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