



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

Ted Strickland, Governor
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Re: Inspection Results
Lafarge Corporation Landfill
Paulding County

August 6, 2010

Mr. Ben Fogle, Environmental Manager
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Dear Mr. Fogle:

On May 27, 2010, I, along with Mike Reiser, Ed Merriman, and Mike Beal, represented the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) and conducted an inspection of the Lafarge Corporation Landfill (Facility) for compliance with the residual waste regulations contained in Chapter 3745-30 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). Ohio EPA also witnessed the drilling into historic waste, for the purpose of evaluating the moisture content of the waste. The Facility is currently classified as a Class III residual waste landfill. You represented the facility during the inspection. The weather at the time of the inspection was clear and mild.

An administrative survey of the Facility records was conducted. The daily, weekly, and monthly inspection logs for February 15, 2010, through May 23, 2010, were inspected. Form 2 was complete in its entirety, as it continues to contain the daily amount of Cement Kiln Dust (CKD) disposed at the Facility, as populated by quarry personnel or interns. Good, relevant comments have been made in the daily log of operations. Please continue to ensure all personnel are aware of the importance of completing the inspections and properly completing the log.

In addition, it was noted during the May 13, 2010, daily Facility inspection that a small amount of CKD was present on top of the west berm in Stage 5A, Phase 2 of the Facility. Please be advised that the berm is in place to keep CKD within the limits of waste placement and to provide a tie-in for future construction. Standard operating procedures at the Facility must include keeping CKD off of the berm. Please ensure the CKD is pushed back inside the berm as soon as weather permits. Please ensure operating procedures for placement of CKD include instructions for keeping CKD back from the berm.

OAC Rule 3745-30-14(J)(1) states in part:

The owner or operator shall ensure that surface water at a residual solid waste landfill facility is diverted from areas where residual solid waste is being, or has been, deposited. The owner or operator shall ensure that a residual solid waste landfill facility is designed, constructed, maintained, and provided with surface water control structures that control run-on and runoff of surface water. These surface water control structures shall ensure minimal erosion...

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During the inspection piles of CKD were being used for safety berms on the plateau of Phase 2. Please replace the CKD berms with soil berms to ensure surface water is diverted from areas where CKD has been deposited and to eliminate surface water from contacting the CKD berms. Furthermore, erosion was noted on the north berm of Phase 2, Stage 5A. Please correct the conditions that contribute to erosion and repair the erosion damage.

OAC Rule 3745-30-14(B)(2) states in part:

The owner or operator shall conduct all construction and operation at a residual solid waste landfill facility in strict compliance with the applicable authorizing document(s), including permit(s) to install. . .

During the inspection, discussions were held regarding the owner/operator's filling procedure, and whether the owner/operator fills the landfill in accordance with the specifications within the Permit to Install (PTI) #03-9614. According to the PTI issued on July 31, 2003, the owner/operator stated in multiple locations that CKD will be placed in a "step formation" and waste will be placed in a controlled manner in 9 to 12-inch lifts for a minimum annual depth of 5.7 feet. By placing the waste in 9-12-inch lifts for a minimum annual depth of 5.7 feet, the owner/operator indicates that this will "maximize absorption" of the precipitation at the Facility. The owner/operator further states that, "After the waste has been unloaded near the working face, the waste will be spread . . . to construct the CKD bench in 9 to 12-inch lifts." The owner/operator has been and is currently dumping CKD in piles and pushing off a leading cliff edge progressing south to north in Phase 2. **The owner/operator of Lafarge Corporation Landfill is in violation of OAC Rule 3745-30-14(B)(2) for failing to construct and operate the landfill in compliance with the PTI #03-9614.** Please ensure the owner/operator is knowledgeable of all the construction and operating requirements of the PTI. Given the nature of the current phase and stage of filling, Ohio EPA is open minded regarding corrective measures that need to take place to return to compliance with the PTI. Please continue to communicate with Ohio EPA regarding your plans for achieving compliance.

As you are aware, there are ongoing communications regarding compliance with the PTI and potential effects surface water run-off is having on the groundwater at the Facility. Ohio EPA is optimistic that attaining compliance with the PTI will have a direct effect on the groundwater quality. Further communication regarding the groundwater corrective measures will follow under separate cover.

Ohio EPA continues to request that the owner/operator communicate corrective actions and/or planned corrective actions in response to the items discussed during all inspections. Telephone calls and/or e-mail correspondence are an appropriate means of communication.

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This correspondence addresses specific observations only for the areas of the Lafarge Corporation Class III residual waste landfill 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 Lafarge Corporation Landfill from their obligation to comply with other applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

Please contact me at (419) 373-3079 if you have any questions concerning this inspection.

Sincerely,



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