



Environmental
Protection Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Scott J. Nally, Director

Re: Notice of Violation
Class IV Compost Facility Inspection
Village of Leipsic
Putnam County

November 8, 2011

Mr. Kevin L. Lammon, Public Service Director
Village of Leipsic
142 East Main Street
Leipsic, Ohio 45856

Dear Mr. Lammon:

On October 25, 2011, I, representing the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), conducted an inspection of the Village of Leipsic's Class IV Compost Facility (Facility) located on Turner Street. Jeremy Scoles was also present, representing Ohio EPA. The inspection was conducted to determine compliance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-27. You represented the Facility during the inspection. The weather at the time of inspection was sunny and mild. Several rainfall events had occurred days previous.

A large pile containing mixed brush, grass clippings, and leaves, as well as a pile of ground mulch was observed at the Facility. A small amount of unauthorized materials were observed including a grocery bag, a basket, and two light bulbs. You indicated that the materials would be immediately removed from the Facility.

A minimal amount of ponded water was observed, however; several rainfall events had occurred days previous. Overall, the Facility appeared to be graded to promote positive drainage.

The required daily log of operations forms completed thus far for 2011 were reviewed. Forms had only been completed through June 9, 2011. OAC Rule 3745-27-45(K) specifies how the owner/operator of a compost must inspect and maintain records of operation for the facility. **The Village of Leipsic is in violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-45(K) for not having completed the required forms since June 9, 2011.** Additionally, a contingency plan as required by OAC Rule 3745-27-45(A)(6) was not available. **The Village of Leipsic is also in violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-45(A)(6) for not having the required contingency plan.**

In order to resolve the above violations the Village of Leipsic must submit in writing within 14 days of receipt of this letter, an explanation as to why the required paperwork

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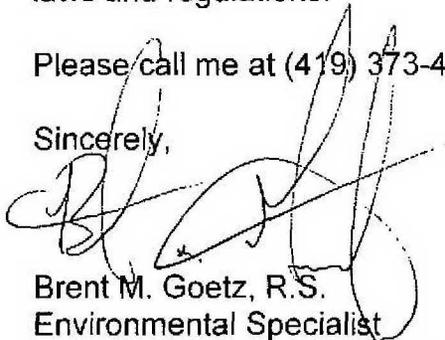
Additionally, within 14 days of receipt of this letter the Village of Leipsic must establish a contingency plan as required by OAC Rule 3745-27-45(A)(6) and provide a copy to Ohio EPA.

This correspondence addresses specific observations only of the areas of the Leipsic Class IV 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 the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3734. and the rules promulgated thereunder, does not relieve the owner/operator of the Leipsic Class IV Compost Facility from their obligations to comply with other applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

Please call me at (419) 373-4114, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Brent M. Goetz, R.S.
Environmental Specialist
Division of Materials and Waste Management

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cc: ~~File: DMWM-SW, Putnam County, Compost~~

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