



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 Columbus Grove
Putnam County

November 3, 2011

Mr. Jeff Vance, Village Administrator
Village of Columbus Grove
113 East Sycamore Street
Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830

Dear Mr. Vance:

On October 17, 2011, I, representing the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), conducted an inspection of the Village of Columbus Grove's Class IV Compost Facility (Facility) located on Wayne Street. The inspection was conducted to determine compliance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-27. The weather at the time of inspection was sunny and mild. A significant amount of rainfall had occurred the previous days leaving damp conditions on the day of the inspection.

A large pile of brush and grass clippings was observed in the western portion of the Facility. Additionally, one pile of processed compost product and a pile of ground mulch was observed. No unauthorized materials were observed. A minimal amount of ponded water was observed, however; there was a significant rain event days previous.

The required daily log of operations forms completed thus far for 2011 were reviewed. Forms had only been completed through July 5, 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 Columbus Grove is in violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-45(K) for not having completed the required forms since July 5, 2011.**

In order to resolve the above violation the Village of Columbus Grove must submit in writing within 14 days of receipt of this letter, an explanation as to why the required paperwork had not been completed and a plan as to how the village intends to complete paperwork in order to ensure that this violation does not occur again in the future.

This correspondence addresses specific observations only of the areas of the Columbus Grove 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.

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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 Columbus Grove 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,



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