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Re: Class IV Compost Facility Inspection  
Leipsic, Putnam County

August 8, 2008

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

Dear Mr. Lammon:

On July 29, 2008, 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 Belmore Street. The inspection was conducted to determine compliance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-27. You represented the Facility during the daily log review. The weather at the time of inspection was sunny, hot, and dry.

A large pile of mixed brush, some grass clippings, and two large piles of compost product were observed at the Facility. Minor amounts of solid waste were noted: some plastic bags, a few beverage containers, and a couple of pieces of cardboard. Please remove and properly dispose the solid waste.

No ponded water was observed, however; it had been hot and dry over the past several days prior to the inspection. Overall the Facility appeared to be well graded with only a couple of areas, where under heavy rainfall it appeared that water may pond. Please assure that the Facility remains graded to prevent the ponding of water.

A slight odor was noted. Ohio EPA recommends that the Village ensure nitrogen-rich grass clippings are promptly mixed with a carbon source, such as wood chips or leaves, to reduce or prevent future odors.

The required daily log of operations forms completed thus far for 2008 were reviewed. Of the five forms required to be filled out; the annual cover sheet (Form 1), incoming materials/materials distribution logs (Form 2), and materials management forms (Form 3), daily inspection checklists (Form 4), and unauthorized materials report forms (Form 5), only Form 1 and Form 2 had been filled out for 2008. You informed me that the responsibility had been passed on to you from Mr. James Russell, Village Administrator and you were not aware that the other forms existed or that they needed to be filled out.

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Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-45(K)(3) states: The owner or operator of a composting facility shall record the facility operations on a daily log.

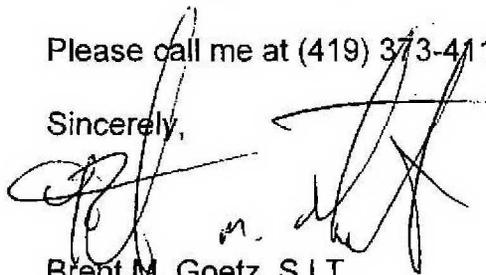
**You are therefore in violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-45(K)(3). Assure that in the future the Facility is inspected on a weekly basis and a daily log form (Form 4) reflecting observations made during the inspection is completed. Additionally if unauthorized materials are removed from the Facility assure that an unauthorized materials incident form/yardwaste load refusal form (Form 5) is completed.**

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 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,



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