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Re: Annual Compost Facility Inspection
Village of Pioneer Compost Site
Williams County

November 10, 2009

Mr. Al Fiser
Village Administrator
409 South State Street
Pioneer, Ohio 43554

Dear Mr. Fiser:

On October 14, 2009, I represented the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) and conducted an inspection of the Village of Pioneer's Class IV Compost Facility (Facility) located on County Road R. Mr. Tommy Clark and you represented the Facility during the inspection. Type A feedstocks, which are classified as source-separated yard wastes, were being composted on this day. The weather during the inspection was rainy and cool.

The management of surface water (Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-45(G)) and leachate (OAC Rule 3745-27-45(H)) are addressed in the composting regulations. OAC Rule 3745-27-45(G) and (H) state that surface water and leachate must be managed in accordance with Chapter 6111 of the Revised Code. Surface water and leachate were being managed appropriately on this day.

Composting regulations require a composting facility to conduct a facility inspection in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-45(K)(1)(a) and (b) and complete a daily inspection checklist (Form 4) in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-45(K)(3). The facility inspection must be completed once per day when feedstocks, bulking agents, or additives are received at the facility. The inspection must be completed once per week during the period when feedstocks, bulking agents, or additives are not received and when feedstocks, bulking agents, or additives or curing or cured compost remain at the facility. Form 4 was not available for inspection on this day. Furthermore, Form 2 (incoming material and distribution) and Form 3 (materials management) were not available for inspection on this day. OAC Rule 3745-27-45(K)(3) states that the "owner/operator of a composting facility shall record the facility operations on a daily log." Please ensure the daily log forms 2 and 3 are utilized and available. Ohio EPA provided Mr. Clark and you with a complete copy of all the required forms. In addition, an attempt had been made by previous personnel to complete the forms. A binder, located at the street department, was reviewed that contained some completed forms. Ohio EPA recommends that the owner/operator of the Facility further implement the use of the binder for organization of completed forms.

The Village of Pioneer is in violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-45(K)(1)(a) and (b) and OAC Rule 3745-27-45(K)(3) for failing to conduct facility inspections and for failing to properly document daily operations. Please ensure proper inspections are completed and facility operations are documented in the daily log of operations.

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OAC Rule 3745-27-45(A)(6) states that the "owner/operator shall prepare, maintain and implement a contingency plan to address discovery of prohibited material, fire, explosion, spills, and equipment failure." A contingency plan was not available during the inspection. However, Ohio EPA received a faxed copy of the contingency plan for the Facility on October 16, 2009. Please ensure the contingency is readily available at the Facility.

Compliance with the requirements outlined in this letter, or the solid and infectious waste provisions in ORC Chapter 3734 and the rules promulgated thereunder, does not relieve the owner/operator of his/her obligation to comply with other State and Federal laws and regulations.

This correspondence addressed specific observations only for the areas of the 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.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at (419) 373-3079.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Specialist II
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