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TO: **SEDO-DSIWM File**
Westland Landfill, Guernsey County

FROM: **Joe Holland, SEDO-DSIWM Inspector**

SUBJECT: **December 4, 2007, Inspection Documentation**

DATE: **December 6, 2007**

On December 4, 2007, I conducted an inspection of the Westland Landfill as required by Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-37-08(A)(6) to determine compliance with the solid waste disposal laws and rules. No one was available at the site at the time of my visit.

On or about March 14, 2002, facility owners and operators, Howard Winnett and Gordon Forster, entered into a Consent Decree with the State of Ohio. This IOC serves to document site conditions.

Weather/Ground Conditions
It was approximately thirty five degrees and overcast at the time of the inspection.

SITE CONDITIONS

Access
The gate to the landfill was opened and access was unrestricted to the site. The new home near the front gate is finished and occupied. The business location near the front of the landfill (automobile junk yard) continues to exist and slowly expand. A new pole barn has been constructed near the western edge of the landfill.

Soil Cover
The landfill has not been properly closed and capped. Although the waste was covered with soil at the time of cessation of waste acceptance, some of the soil appears very sandy allowing erosion to occur.

Vegetation Cover
The quality of vegetation ranges from thick and dense to completely barren. Several patches on the top of the landfill are barren. The western outslope has many barren spots that have facilitated considerable erosion.

Woody vegetation is growing at random locations on the landfill. There have been no vegetative maintenance activities for many years.

Erosion
Erosion exists on outslopes of the landfill. The most severe cuts are on the western face which has exposed waste. Erosion cuts associated with continual leachate runoff are common.

Leachate
Leachate continued to flow from many seeps. Flow from the seeps appeared to be comparable in volume with that of previous inspections. Two large seeps (one at the base of the northwest section of the landfill and one on the western slope) continue to produce leachate at significant volumes. Cattails are associated with multiple smaller seeps at the southern edge of the landfill.

Surface Water Management
No systems are in place for surface water management.

Explosive Gas Controls
No systems are in place.

Explosive Gas Monitoring
No monitoring is occurring.

Ground Water Monitoring
Three groundwater monitoring wells are at the site. No monitoring is occurring. One well at the western edge of waste was underwater as a small stream adjacent to the well appeared to have been dammed up by wildlife.

Summary
No changes were observed since the previous inspection. No maintenance has occurred and the site conditions continue to gradually decline. Leachate continues to be generated at numerous locations and discharges from the site into waters of the State.

JH/jg