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December 27, 2007

**RE: HARRISON COUNTY
FAC - HOPEDALE CLOSED LANDFILL**

The Honorable William A. Decker
Mayor, Village of Hopedale
P.O. Box 517
Hopedale, Ohio 43976

Dear Mayor Decker:

Thank you for your December 3, 2007, letter received by Ohio EPA's Southeast District Office on December 6, 2007. Your letter and accompanying inspection checklist, document that the Village of Hopedale conducted an inspection of the closed Hopedale Landfill on December 3, 2007. Your letter also states that at the time of the inspection, the Hopedale Landfill appeared to be in substantial compliance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-14.

However, as mentioned in my May 24 and September 10, 2007, letters, at the time of my May 17, 2007, inspection of the Village of Hopedale closed landfill, the following violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-14 was noted:

1. **OAC Rule 3745-27-14(A)(2) states that the owner, operator or permittee shall maintain the integrity and effectiveness of the cap system, including making repairs to the cap system as necessary to correct the effects of settling, dead vegetation, subsidence, ponding, erosion, leachate outbreaks, or other events, and preventing run-on and run-off from eroding or otherwise damaging the cap system.**

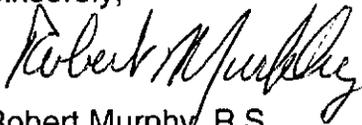
During this inspection, several areas were observed on the southwest portion of the landfill where vegetation was very sparse or non-existent. As stated above, OAC Rule 3745-27-14(A)(2) requires, in part, that the effectiveness of the landfill cap system be maintained by making the repairs necessary to correct the effects of dead vegetation.

Your September 26 and December 3, 2007, letters state that the landfill was mowed and fertilized in September 2007, and village employees will evaluate the growth of vegetation and seed, if necessary. While your December 3, 2007, letter states that the landfill appears to be in substantial compliance, it does not describe the current condition of the areas of concern, brought to your attention in my previous two letters.

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I would like to respectfully request that you contact me within the next 30 days so I can meet with you and conduct a follow up inspection of the landfill. Please contact me contact me at (740) 380-5408 (office) or 740-348-6232 (cell).

Sincerely,



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