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September 10, 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 September 1, 2007, letter, received by Ohio EPA's Southeast District Office on September 10, 2007. Your letter, and accompanying inspection checklist, document that the Village of Hopedale conducted an inspection of the closed Hopedale Landfill on September 1, 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.

As you recall, my May 24, 2007, letter advised you that on May 17, 2007, I conducted an inspection of the Village of Hopedale closed landfill and observed the following violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-14:

- 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 my May 17, 2007, inspection, I observed several areas on the southwest portion of the landfill where vegetation is 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.

As stated in my May 24, 2007, letter, based on this inspection, the Village of Hopedale (Village) is currently in violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-14(A)(2). My May 24, 2007, letter requests that the Village correct the above described conditions at the Hopedale Landfill and contact me when any necessary work has been complete to remediate these conditions so that I may schedule a follow up inspection of the landfill.

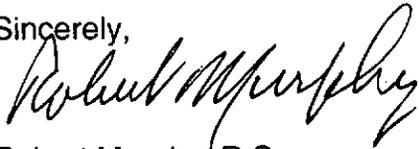
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To date, I have not received any information from the Village stating your plans or actions taken by the Village correct the areas of the landfill cap containing very sparse or non-existent vegetation, as required by OAC Rule 3745-27-14(A)(2).

Therefore, contrary to your September 1, 2007, the Village of Hopedale is currently in violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-14(A)(2).

I am requesting that you please respond to this letter, in writing, within 15 days and detail your intentions and any actions taken to bring the Hopedale Landfill into compliance with OAC Rule 3745-27-14(A)(2). Should you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5408.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jamie Howell, Harrison County Health Department