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June 24, 2008

**RE: JEFFERSON COUNTY  
COMP- TOTAL LAWN CARE**

Mr. Russell Hunt  
PO Box 126  
Steubenville, Ohio 43952

Dear Mr. Hunt:

On June 5, 2007, I conducted an inspection of the Total Lawn Care compost facility to determine your compliance with Ohio Administrative Code Rule (OAC) 3745-27-45 and other applicable regulations. I was accompanied by Marc Maragos, Carla Gampolo, and Erika Battistel, all of the Jefferson County Health Department.

During this inspection, you agreed to dig test pits in an area immediately adjacent to your composting area. These test pits were dug at my request to confirm that all composted material had been removed prior to filling this area with slag. Three test pits dug to a depth of 3-4 feet deep all indicated the presence of only slag and native soil.

During this inspection, we observed prohibited materials in the area approved for the placement of clean hard fill. In addition, prohibited materials were observed in your area approved for composting activities. Based on these observations, I determined that Total Lawn Care was in violation of the following OAC Rules:

Relative to your composting operations:

OAC Rule 3745-45(C)(2)- All reasonable measures shall be employed to prevent acceptance of prohibited material at the facility.

Clean hard fill and other construction and demolition debris was observed in the area of active composting. I was advised by Carla Gampolo that all prohibited material was removed for proper disposal on June 6, 2008.

OAC Rule 3745-400-05(B) No person shall conduct or allow illegal disposal of construction and demolition debris, as defined in rule 3745-400-01 of the Administrative Code.

Corrugated tile was observed in the area approved for clean hard fill placement. Carla Gampolo advised me that she observed that all prohibited material was removed for proper disposal on June 6.

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OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C) No person shall conduct, permit, or allow open dumping. In the event that open dumping is occurring or has occurred at a property, the person(s) responsible for the open dumping, the owner of the property, or the person(s) who allow or allowed open dumping to occur, shall promptly remove and dispose or otherwise manage the solid waste in accordance with Chapter 3734. of the Revised Code, and shall submit verification that the solid waste has been properly managed.

During my June 5 inspection, I observed the presence of sod and other solid waste as well as solid waste material from your street sweeping operations in the area approved for clean hard fill placement. I was advised by Carla Gampolo that all this material had been removed from this area on June 6. The sod was placed in your active composting area and the street sweepings were placed in your dumpster for proper removal to a solid waste landfill.

Based on observations made by Carla Gampolo during her June 6, 2008, inspection, it appears that all violations observed on June 5 have been properly abated. Please feel free to contact me at 740/380-5219 if you have questions regarding my inspection of your facility.

Sincerely,



Peter C. Thompson  
Division of Solid & Infectious Waste Management

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cc: Jefferson County Health Department