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**RE: WASHINGTON COUNTY  
SITE-GUERNSEY SCRAP**

Mr. John Foreman  
Guernsey Scrap Recycling  
P.O. Box 202  
130 Peters Ave.  
Byesville, OH 43723

Dear Mr. Foreman:

On December 29, 2009, I visited your scrap recycling operation located off State Route 7 north of Marietta. At the time of my visit, I met with Lincoln Hannum to discuss overall operations primarily related to the handling and management of construction & demolition debris material and clean hard fill as defined in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-400. Mr. Hannum escorted me around the facility and discussed the operation with me. Please find following a summary of our discussion and findings at the time of my visit.

Our first stop was in the area where scrap metal is being processed for loading, shipping and recycling. In this area, you are continuing to utilize fill to expand the area of operation. My only comment related to this aspect of the operation is to be sure that only clean hard fill be utilized to expand the area. All other demolition related material must be removed prior to grading even if that means handpicking for removal.

At the top of the hill, Mr. Hannum showed me where approximately five structures have been stockpiled for later processing. It was indicated that the intent is to process the material into a mulch product. Mr. Hannum stated that the company, with guidance from Robert Reiter of the solid waste management district, is researching and planning on purchasing a machine that will process the material into mulch. The plan is to stockpile enough material and then mobilize a machine to the site for a test run. Once the right machine is found, then processing of material would proceed as needed. Ohio EPA is certainly supportive of waste reduction and recycling whenever possible. However, please be advised that this type of material cannot be stockpiled indefinitely. As I explained to Mr. Hannum, I will visit the facility periodically to determine the status of the waste stream.

Lastly, we viewed and discussed the clean hard fill stockpiled on site. Mr. Hannum indicated that the company already has a machine to process this material and that it would be done on a periodic basis. I have no issues with the proposed handling and use of this material other than it must be processed at least every two years.

I appreciate Mr. Hannum's time and efforts to accompany on this site visit. If you or anyone else with the company have any questions regarding this matter or any other solid waste related issues, you may contact me at 740-380-5439.

Sincerely,

P. Joe Holland, R.S.  
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