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January 30, 2012

**PERRY COUNTY
FAC-TUNNELL HILL RECLAMATION
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Tunnel Hill Partners, LP
Attention: Rod Deeds, General Manager
P.O. Box 625
New Lexington, OH 43764

**Subject: Notice of Violation,
Failure to Control Odors and Implement Odor Management Plan**

Dear Mr. Deeds:

On January 25, 2012 and January 26, 2012, I conducted odor monitoring to determine if odors were present in the community close to Tunnel Hill Reclamation. Ohio EPA continues to receive odor complaints almost daily. While in transit, I passed through Perry County and across Tunnel Hill Road which passes just south of Tunnell Hill Reclamation. Some odors were noticed at 2:20 PM near 9811 Buzzard Glory Road and parallel to transfer station around 2:57 p.m. on Tunnel Hill Road. On January 26, 2012, the odors were detected at 1:40 pm on Township Rd 208 Near the the power line poles numbered, 873-347; 873-349; and 873-350. These odors were distinct, definite and clearly detectable. As summarized and categorized below, I thought these odors were a 2 on the Division of Materials and Waste Management's odor intensity scale.

**January 25, 2012 - 9811 Buzzards Glory Road and parallel to transfer station on
Tunnel Hill Road (odor intensity 2).**

January 26, 2012 – Township Road 208 north of the landfill (odor intensity 2).

Odors were evaluated on a 0-4 odor intensity scale, with 4 being an odor so strong as to be overpowering and intolerable for any length of time, a 3 being an odor strong enough to cause a person to avoid it completely, a 2 being a distinct and definite odor whose characteristic is clearly detectable, a 1 being an odor concentration which is just barely detectable and a 0 being a concentration of a odorant which produces no sensation.

Due to the presence of these offensive odors and Tunnel Hill Partners, LP's failure to strictly control odors, Tunnell Hill Reclamation is in continuing violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-19(B)(3).

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OAC Rule 3745-27-19(B)(3) states, "The owner or operator shall operate the facility in such a manner that noise, dust, and odors are strictly controlled so as not to cause a nuisance or a health hazard."

Tunnel Hill Partners, LP needs to immediately take the necessary measures to return to compliance with Ohio's environmental laws.

Within 14 days of receipt of this letter, Tunnel Hill Partners, LP is requested to provide documentation to the Southeast District Office including the steps taken to abate the violations cited above. Documentation of steps taken to return to compliance includes written correspondence, updated policies and photographs, as appropriate, and may be submitted via the postal service or electronically to erika.jackson@epa.state.oh.us.

Please be advised that violations cited above will continue until the violations have been properly abated. Failure to comply with ORC Chapter § 3734 and rules promulgated thereunder may result in a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 per day for each violation. If circumstances delay the abatement of violations, Tunnel Hill Partners, LP is requested to submit written correspondence of the steps that will be taken by date certain to attain compliance.

If you have any questions, I may be contacted at 740-380-5228 or the e-mail address noted above.

Sincerely,



Erika Jackson
Environmental Specialist II
Division of Materials and Waste Management

EJ/sb

cc: Carey Bowers, Perry County Health Department
cc: Craig Walkenspaw, SEDO-DMWM