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**BELMONT COUNTY
COMP – RIVER VALLEY COMPOST**

Mr. Stanley Kaldor
61280 Ray Ramsey Road
Jacobsburg, Ohio 43933

Dear Mr. Kaldor:

On September 21, 2010, I inspected the River Valley Composting facility. During the course of this inspection, I observed that what material that had been brought onto the facility had been placed into several windrows for composting. One windrow had been placed to the very far southeastern portion of the composting facility. Windrows have also been placed along the haul road in preparation for shredding and removal to a barn on site for further composting. The other windrows were closer to the dump pads. A total of nine windrows were observed south of the dump pads.

Soil has been placed down slope of the dump pads in preparation of planting rye grass. This is the area that had been impacted by the leachate which had been escaping the dump pads. During this inspection, it appeared that little to no leachate had been migrating down the slope. No grass was observed growing in this new soil.

On September 15, 2010, this office received a complaint regarding odors from your facility. Prior to inspecting the site, I drove along Hawthorne Hill Road as well as Ray Ramsey Road and did not detect any noticeable odors that would be associated with your facility.

During this inspection, I observed plastics and other solid waste in the majority of the windrows. This is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-45 (C)(2)(a), which states:

OAC 3745-27-45(C)(2)(a) All reasonable measures shall be employed to prevent acceptance of prohibited material at the facility. If prohibited material is detected:

- (a) All reasonable measures shall be employed to control and remove the prohibited material from the materials placement area, including but not limited to, windrows, piles, or in-vessel composting systems.

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All plastics and solid wastes must be removed from the incoming material once it is detected and disposed of properly.

Also during this inspection, a pool of leachate was observed in one of the dump pads. A trail of leachate was observed leaving the dump pad area and traveled down the slope towards the windrows at the southern end of the facility. This is in violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-45(H)(3)(b), which states:

OAC 3745-27-45(H)(3)(b) Take action to minimize the production of leachate and control, or eliminate, ponding of leachate and the conditions that contribute to the discharge of leachate from the facility.

Measures must be taken to eliminate the ponding of leachate in the dump pads. By eliminating these conditions, the instances of leachate leaving the dump pad area will be greatly reduced.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5443.

Sincerely,



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