



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
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Re: Port Clinton Landfill, Ottawa County
Inspection Results
Notice of Violation (NOV)

January 3, 2012

Mr. John Logsdon
Port Clinton Landfill, Inc.
530 North Camp Road
Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

Dear Mr. Logsdon:

On December 20, 2011, I, representing the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), conducted an inspection of the Port Clinton Landfill, Inc. municipal solid waste landfill located at 530 North Camp Road, near Port Clinton, in Ottawa County, Ohio. This inspection was conducted in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-37-08(C)(6). The purpose of the inspection was to verify compliance with OAC Chapter 3745-27 and the approved Permits to Install No. 03-3822 and 03-15784. You represented the facility during the inspection.

This letter is intended to:

- Describe my observations of the facility, and
- Notify the owner/operator of any violations of the rules identified.

Description of Ohio EPA's observations of the facility:

The weather at the time of the inspection was overcast with a northwest wind.

An odor survey was conducted by driving around the facility on North Camp Road, State Route 2, Tettau Road, and State Route 163. A mild odor was noted southeast of the landfill.

The required daily logs from September 14, 2011, through December 20, 2011, were reviewed. The daily logs included the records of the weights of waste received (Form 2), the daily facility inspection checklist (Form 3), and the required weekly surface water structure inspection documentation (Form 4). The daily inspection checklist form is also used to document the phase in which waste was disposed, the number of litter pickers on site each day, and the type of daily cover used.

The leachate storage tanks were inspected. Both tanks contained approximately 8.5 feet of leachate. Both tanks maintained ample storage capacity as the tanks have a 24 foot capacity. Multiple leachate sumps in both the north and south units were inspected and appeared to be functioning properly at the time of inspection.

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Disposal activities were occurring in Cell 1C/1D area. The working face was well-confined. No prohibited materials were noted. Tarps and soil are being used for daily cover. An area southwest of the current working face was not covered. You stated that due to recent rains, you were unable to cover this area. Regardless of weather conditions, all waste must receive either soil or tarps as daily cover.

The owner/operator is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-19(F) which states in part:

Daily cover shall be applied to all exposed solid waste by the end of the working day to control fire hazards, blowing litter, odors, insects, vectors, and rodents. In no event shall solid waste be exposed for more than twenty-four hours after unloading.

You stated that soil would be placed over this area that night, or the next morning. As stated during the inspection, I will be doing a re-inspection to verify that proper cover has been placed.

Very minimal amount of blowing litter was noted during this inspection. Portable litter screens were noted near the working face. Temporary litter fences were observed on the south and west sides of the working face. Ensure that the owner/operator continues to employ all reasonable measures to collect, properly contain, and dispose of scattered litter.

The active gas extraction system in cell E was being expanded with additional lateral collection lines during the inspection. Waste from this expansion was either placed back into the excavation, or relocated to the working face. You stated that no waste is left exposed at the end of the work day.

North Landfill

Several erosion rills were noted on the northeast slope of the North Landfill. It appears these erosion rills are due to the silting in of portions of the drainage benches above the rills. The owner/operator has cleaned portions of the drainage benches that appear to be silted in. The erosion rills were graded and seeded since the last inspection, but the erosion rills persist. The owner/operator stated that the erosion rills will be repaired; and additional portions of the drainage benches will be cleaned and repaired as needed to fix the erosion.

Notification of violations of Ohio laws and rules:

The owner/operator is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-19(F) for inadequate daily cover.

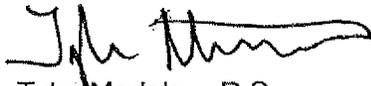
The owner/operator needs to immediately take the necessary measures to return to compliance with Ohio's environmental laws. Within 14 days of receipt of this letter, the owner/operator is requested to provide documentation to this office including the steps taken to abate the violation cited above. Documentation 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 tyler.madeker@epa.ohio.gov.

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Please be advised that violations cited above will continue until the violations have been properly abated. Failure to comply with Chapter 3734. of the Ohio Revised Code and rules promulgated thereunder may result in a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 per day for each violation. It is imperative that you return to compliance. If circumstances delay the abatement of violations, the owner/operator is requested to submit written correspondence of the steps that will be taken by date certain to attain compliance.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3078.

Sincerely,



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