



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Scott J. Nally, Director

Re: Explosive Gas Monitoring  
Former City of Celina Landfill  
Mercer County  
Notice of Violation

February 1, 2012

Mr. Tom Hitchcock  
City of Celina Safety-Service Director  
426 West Market Street  
Celina, Ohio 45822

Dear Mr. Hitchcock:

On January 23, 2012, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Northwest District Office, received a document from Hull & Associates, dated January 20, 2012, on behalf of the City of Celina, documenting the January 17, 2012, explosive gas monitoring at the former City of Celina Landfill (Facility). The document attempts to fulfill the semi-annual monitoring event at the Facility for the second half of 2011. The owner/operator of the Facility has been performing semi-annual gas monitoring since 2008, as concurred with in the February 7, 2008, letter from Ohio EPA to the owner/operator of the Facility.

Based upon the January 17, 2012, monitoring date, the owner/operator did not perform explosive gas monitoring at the Facility during the second half of 2011. Monitoring should have been conducted sometime between July 1, 2011, and December 31, 2011, to meet the requirements of "semi-annual" monitoring. The January 17, 2012, monitoring date is considered a monitoring event for the first half of 2012. **Therefore, the owner/operator of the former City of Celina Landfill is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-14(A)(5) for failing to fulfill all monitoring and reporting requirements in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-12 for explosive gas.** OAC Rule 3745-27-12(E)(1)(c) states that the owner/operator shall monitor for explosive gas semi-annually between the end of five years' post-closure and the end of post-closure. Please ensure semi-annual monitoring of explosive gas is conducted in the future.

The owner/operator of the former City of Celina Landfill 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 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 [jeremy.scoles@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:jeremy.scoles@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.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (419) 373-3079 or by e-mail at [jeremy.scoles@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:jeremy.scoles@epa.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,



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Environmental Specialist II  
Division of Materials and Waste Management

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