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**Subject: Cell M Leachate Violations & RTC - March 2008
(Sub-Cells M2, M3, M4, M5, & M6)
ESOI Otter Creek Road Facility
OHD 045 243 706
RCRA Hazardous Waste
Lucas County**

Dear Mr. Humphrey:

On April 17, 2008, I received and reviewed the Cell M Leachate Report, March, 2008 completed by Envirosafe Services of Ohio, Inc. (ESOI) located at 876 Otter Creek Road, Oregon, Ohio. I reviewed this document to determine ESOI's compliance with Ohio's hazardous waste laws as found in Chapter 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Chapter 3745 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), ESOI's approved December 29, 2005, Ohio Hazardous Waste Facility Installation and Operation Permit (permit) and the April 24, 2000, Director's Consent Order and Final Judgment.

Ohio EPA has determined that ESOI is in violation of Permit Condition J.3(a) and OAC Rule 3745-57-03(A)(2) as described below:

1. Permit Condition J.3(a) and OAC Rule 3745-57-03(A)(2)

Permit Condition J.3(a) states that, "The Permittee must monitor, operate, and maintain the primary leachate collection system (PLCS) and secondary leachate collection system (SLCS), as applicable, of Cell M.

The level of leachate accumulation on the primary synthetic liner, excluding the sumps, must not exceed the height of one foot, as required by OAC Rule 3745-57-03(A)(2), except for temporary excursions following a precipitation event. To minimize the potential for excursions, the Permittee must activate primary system pumps whenever the leachate levels on the liner exceed 10 inches.

The Permittee must return to a leachate level of less than 10 inches in Cell M after the precipitation event that triggered the temporary excursion by operating the pumps in the affected landfill collection sumps 24 hours per day, 7 days per week."

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ESOI failed to operate the pumps in the primary leachate collection system (PLCS) sumps in sub-cells M2, M3, M4, M5, and M6 as outlined in Permit Condition J.3(a) and allowed the leachate levels in these sub-cells to accumulate above the compliance points in Permit Condition J.3(a).

Ohio EPA's review of ESOI's Cell M Leachate Report, March, 2008 showed that ESOI failed to properly manage its permitted on-site leachate storage capacity (tanks S-100, S-200, S-300 and S-400) allowing the leachate accumulation on the primary synthetic liner to exceed the height of either ten (10) inches (without the PLCS pumps activating) or one foot in sub-cells M2 (on 2 days – 3/24 and 3/31), M3 (on 1 day – 3/31), M4 (on 8 days – 3/8, 3/9, 3/10, 3/11, 3/13, 3/14, 3/24, and 3/31), M5, and M6 (on 2 additional days not cited in the 3/20/08 Notice of Violation for leachate levels in M6 – 3/17 and 3/31).

Ohio EPA's records of Cell M sub-cell leachate level readings indicate that ESOI has returned to compliance from the violations outlined in this letter. With the exception of sub-cell M4 on 4/10/08, Ohio EPA has not recorded any leachate level readings above the compliance points outlined in Permit Condition J.3(a) since 3/31/08.

In the past, ESOI has represented that precipitation totals over a weekly or monthly basis and/or figures representing the total volume of leachate removed from Cell M during a given month justify ESOI's excursions above the compliance points in Permit Condition J.3(a). Ohio EPA believes that the Cell M PLCS has the pumping capacity (as detailed in ESOI's permit application); ESOI has the vendor disposal capacity (with either the current vendors and/or with the addition of new vendors), storage capacity (on-site storage in the S-tanks and/or with the addition of temporary storage units ([Baker Tanks] in Area K), and transportation capacity (with either the current vendor and/or with the addition of new vendors) to enable the facility to comply with Permit Condition J.3(a) in a rainfall event (2 or more inches of rainfall in 8 hours). As Ohio EPA has previously communicated to ESOI, your facility has an obligation to comply with Permit Condition J.3(a) and OAC Rule 3745-57-03(A)(2) regardless of your vendors' treatment, storage, or transportation capacity. Ohio EPA does not view ESOI's claims of capacity limitations as a factor in our compliance determinations for your facility.

Ohio EPA recommends that ESOI better manage its on-site leachate storage capacity by emptying the S-Tanks at the end of each calendar day (end of day would continue to be recorded as the time at which ESOI completes tanker loading activities, but would now also represent the time at which ESOI has emptied the S-Tanks) to ensure that ESOI has the available on-site storage capacity to enable the PLCS to operate throughout the night and maintain leachate head levels at or below the compliance points outlined in Permit Condition J.3(a) (ten (10) inches for activation of the primary system pumps and not to exceed twelve (12) inches on the primary synthetic liner).

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (419)373-3135 or via e-mail at chris.maslo@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,



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NOTE: Ohio EPA's failure to list specific deficiencies or violations in this letter does not relieve your company from having to comply with all applicable regulations.
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