



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

Re: Surface Fire
Sunny Farms Landfill
Seneca County

May 24, 2013

Mr. Chris Valerian
WCA Regional Office
6120 Parkland Boulevard #225
Mayfield Heights, Ohio 44124

Dear Mr. Valerian:

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Northwest District Office (NWDO) received notification on May 5, 2013, of a surface fire at the Sunny Farms Landfill (Facility). The fire was contained to the working face in Phase 7.

On May 6, 2013, Jim Morhman represented the Seneca Health District, Andy Drumm and Susan Hardy represented Ohio EPA, Joe Frola, represented the Facility during an inspection of the area affected by the fire. The affected area was covered with soil and an adjacent working face was in use.

At the time of the fire, pictures from Ohio EPA, first responders, depicted exposed waste at the working face. The fire chief stated the back gate was open upon arrival. The owner/operator of the Sunny Farms Landfill, LLC is in violation of the following rules and laws due to the May 5, 2013, fire at the facility:

1. Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-19(E)(2), which states in pertinent part: *The owner or operator shall limit access to the facility by non-employees...* Please ensure all gates are secured at the end of business each day.
2. OAC Rule 3745-27-19 (F), which states in pertinent part: *Daily cover shall be applied to all exposed waste by the end of the working day to control fire hazards...* Pictures taken during the fire depicted the working face without adequate daily cover.

The owner/operator of the 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.

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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 susan.hardy@epa.state.oh.us.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (419) 373-3043.

Sincerely,



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Division of Materials and Waste Management

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pc: Joe Frola, Sunny Farms Landfill, LLC
Jim Mohrman, Seneca County Health Department
NWDO File: DMWM/SW, Seneca County, Sunny Farms Landfill, Correspondence

ec: Ken Brock, DDAGW, NWDO
Mike Reiser, DMWM, NWDO
Andy Drumm, DMWM, NWDO

Please be advised that the violations cited above will continue until 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.