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April 7, 2014

The Honorable Mark Gazarek
President of Board of County Commissioners
300 South Main Street
Findlay, Ohio 45840-3345

Mr. William Recker, SWMD Chairman
7615 County Road 248
Findlay, Ohio 45840

RE: Hancock County SWMD
Long Term Planning-Reg.
Entity
Solid Waste Management
Planning
Hancock County
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Subject: Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.55(C)(1) Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Solid Waste Management Plan Approval

Dear Commissioner Gazarek and Mr. Recker:

The Director of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Director) has reviewed and approved the ratified, draft, amended solid waste management plan update (Plan) for the Hancock County Solid Waste Management District (District). Director's Final Findings and Orders approving the Plan are enclosed with this letter. Attachment 1 is a summary of the implementation schedule that was derived from the District's Plan.

The District should proceed to implement its approved Plan in accordance with the implementation schedule and timeline contained in the approved Plan and in Attachment 1 to the enclosed Director's Final Findings and Orders. Please be advised that Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3734.55(C)(4) also requires the Policy Committee to "...annually review implementation of the approved plan... and report its findings and recommendations regarding implementation to the board of county commissioners or board of directors of the district."

You are hereby notified that this action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to ORC Section 3745.04. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$70.00 made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio." The Commission, in its

discretion, may reduce the fee if by affidavit it is demonstrated that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days of filing with the Commission. Ohio EPA request that a copy of the appeal be served upon the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Section. An appeal may be filed with the Environmental Review Appeals Commission at the following address:

Environmental Review Appeals Commission
77 South High Street
17th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

If you have any questions regarding implementation of the approved Plan, please contact me at (614) 728-5357.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Specialist 2
Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management

Enclosures (2): Director's Final Findings and Orders
Attachment 1 to the Findings and Orders

cc (with enclosures): Melissa Edson, Interim Director, Hancock County SWMD
Jeremy Scoles, Environmental Supervisor, DMWM-NWDO

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BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

In the matter of:

Hancock County Solid Waste Management District : Director's Final
300 S Main Street : Findings and Orders
Findlay, Ohio 45804

I. JURISDICTION

These Director's Final Findings and Orders (Orders) are issued to the Hancock County Solid Waste Management District (District), pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3734.55(C).

II. PARTIES

These Orders shall be binding upon the District.

III. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise stated, all terms used in these Orders shall have the same meanings as defined in ORC Chapter 3734 and the rules promulgated thereunder.

IV. FINDINGS

The Director of Ohio EPA has determined the following findings:

1. Pursuant to ORC Section 3734.56, the policy committee of a solid waste management district (SWMD) with an approved solid waste management plan that contains a planning period of fifteen or more years is required to submit an amended solid waste management plan that complies with the requirements in Divisions (A), (B), (D), and (E)(1) of ORC Section 3734.53 to the Director of Ohio EPA on or before the fifth year anniversary of the date the existing solid waste management plan was approved.

I certify this to be a true and accurate copy of the official documents as filed in the records of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

By: Tom Lissner Date: 4-7-14

2. The existing solid waste management plan for the District was approved on October 9, 2007 and covers a planning period of fifteen years. The date the District's draft amended solid waste management plan was due to Ohio EPA was October 9, 2012.
3. On September 5, 2012, Ohio EPA received a draft amended solid waste management plan from the policy committee for the District.
4. Pursuant to ORC Section 3734.55, the Director of Ohio EPA is required to provide the policy committee of a SWMD with a written, nonbinding advisory opinion regarding a draft solid waste management plan and any recommended changes to it that the Director considers necessary to effect its approval.
5. On October 29, 2012, Ohio EPA mailed a written, nonbinding advisory opinion concerning the draft amended solid waste management plan received on September 5, 2012 to the District's policy committee.
6. Pursuant to ORC Section 3734.55, the policy committee of a SWMD is required to submit a draft solid waste management plan that has been ratified in accordance with the criteria established in Division (B) of ORC Section 3734.55 to the Director of Ohio EPA to be reviewed for compliance with Divisions (A), (B), (D), and (E)(1) of ORC Section 3734.53.
7. On January 8, 2014, Ohio EPA received a ratified, draft, amended solid waste management plan from the policy committee for the District.
8. The Director has determined that the District's ratified, draft, amended solid waste management plan is in compliance with Divisions (A), (B), (D), and (E)(1) of Section 3734.53 of the ORC.

V. ORDERS

1. The ratified, draft, amended plan of the District that was received by Ohio EPA on January 8, 2014 is hereby approved.
2. The District shall proceed to implement its approved solid waste management plan in accordance with the strategies, programs, and activities described in the ratified, draft, amended solid waste management plan and contained in the implementation schedule included as Attachment 1 to these Orders.

Official records of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

By: _____ Date: _____

VI. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

All actions required to be taken pursuant to these Orders shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

VII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Ohio EPA from seeking legal or equitable relief to enforce the terms of these Orders or from taking other administrative, legal, or equitable action as deemed appropriate and necessary, including seeking penalties against the District for noncompliance with these Orders.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Ohio EPA from exercising its lawful authority to require the District to perform additional activities pursuant to ORC Chapter 3734 or any other applicable laws in the future. Nothing herein shall restrict the right of the District to raise any administrative, legal, or equitable claim or defense with respect to such further actions which Ohio EPA may seek to require of the District. Nothing in these Orders shall be construed to limit the authority of Ohio EPA to seek relief for violations which may occur.

VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these Orders is the date these Orders were entered into the Ohio EPA Director's Journal.

IT IS SO ORDERED:



Craig W. Butler, Director
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

ATTACHMENT 1 TO THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS
Summary of the Implementation Schedule for the
Hancock County Solid Waste Management District

Several sections of the ratified, draft amended solid waste management plan update (Plan) submitted by the Solid Waste Management District or Authority identified above are considered to be part of the implementation schedule required in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.53(A)(13). This attachment lists the elements that Ohio EPA understands to constitute the implementation schedule contained in the District's or Authority's Plan. These elements are listed in the table below.

Implementation Schedule for Facilities, Strategies, Programs and Activities

1. Elements of the Plan	2. According to the Plan, when will implementation of this strategy begin and end?	3. Which Goal will this strategy be used to demonstrate compliance with?
Commercial/Industrial Sector TA and Education		
9002 Commercial and Governmental Recycling - District collects and processes recyclable material from area businesses, governmental offices and schools [pages IV-13 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goal 2
9001 Commercial and Governmental Technical Assistance - District helps organizations set-up in-house recycling programs and find markets or other outlets for collected recyclables [pages IV-13 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 3,4
6512 Industrial Brunch - District sponsored activity that creates a forum for industries to exchange information and gather ideas on maintaining and/or increasing recycling and source reduction [pages IV-15 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 3,4
9004 Industrial Technical Assistance - District assist with setting-up in-house recycling programs, finding markets or other outlets for collected recyclables and on source reduction and waste minimization alternatives [pages IV-14 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 2,3,4
9005 Industrial Technical Assistance - District provides coordination services to industries interested in conducting internal efficiency evaluations BWC, University of Findlay and Toledo University [pages IV-14 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 3,4
Curbside Recycling, Subscription		
6514 Findlay City - provided by AE Curbside Service (pages IV-10 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 1, 2
9039 Village of Arlington - provided by AE Curbside [page V-6 of Plan Update]	2011, ongoing	Goals 1,2

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9040 Village of Benton Ridge - provided by AE Curbside [page V-6 of Plan Update]	2013, ongoing	Goals 1,2
9038 Village of Van Buren - provided by AE Curbside [page V-6 of Plan Update]	2011, ongoing	Goals 1,2
Drop-off Recycling		
9037 Biglick Township, West Independence United Methodist Church - portion of the City of Fostoria in District [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goal 2
Drop-off Recycling, FS, Rural		
9024 Allen Township - drop-off at Whirlpool Corporation [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	2012, ongoing	Goals 1,2
9025 Allen Township, Hancock County Sanitary Landfill [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	2012, ongoing	Goals 1,2
9022 Allen Township, Village of Van Buren [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	2012, ongoing	Goals 1,2
9023 Amanda Township, Village of Vanlue [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	2012, ongoing	Goals 1,2
9026 Biglick Township, Township Hall [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 1,2
4548 Blanchard Township, Benton Ridge Village [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 1, 2
9027 Cass Township, Township Hall [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	2011, ongoing	Goals 1,2
9028 Delaware Township, Riverdale School [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	2014, ongoing	Goals 1, 2
9020 Delaware Township, Village of Mount Blanchard [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	2012, ongoing	Goals 1,2
9029 Eagle Township, Camp Berry Boy Scout Reservation [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 1,2
9017 Madison Township, Village of Arlington [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	2012, ongoing	Goals 1, 2
9030 Orange Township, Township House [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 1,2
9019 Pleasant Township, Village of McComb [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	2011, ongoing	Goals 1,2
9031 Portage Township, Deweyville Church [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	2012, ongoing	Goals 1,2
9032 Portage Township, Township House [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	2012, ongoing	Goals 1,2

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9021 Union Township, Village of Mount Cory [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	2012, ongoing	Goals 1,2
4552 Union Township, Village of Rawson [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 1,2
9018 Van Buren Township, Village of Jenera [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	2011, ongoing	Goals 1,2
9016 Washington Township, Village of Arcadia [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	2011, ongoing	Goals 1, 2
Drop-off Recycling, FS, Urban		
9035 Findlay City, Blanchard Valley Co-op [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	2011, ongoing	Goals 1,2
9033 Findlay City, Chamberlin Hill [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	2011, ongoing	Goals 1,2
9036 Findlay City, Hancock County Parking Lot [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	2011, ongoing	Goals 1,2
1745 Findlay City, Litter Landing [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 1,2
9034 Findlay City, Main Cross Parking Lot [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	2011, ongoing	Goals 1,2
4546 Liberty Township, Hancock County Educational Service Center [pages VI-11 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 1,2
Drop-off Recycling, PT, Rural		
9042 Mobile drop-off provided in Deweyville [page V-5]	existing, ongoing	Goals 1,2
7113 Mobile drop-off provided in Madison Township, serviced location includes the Village of Arlington - Good Hope Lutheran Church [pages V-5, VI-12 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 1,2
Drop-off Recycling, PT, Urban		
9041 Mobile drop-off provided in Findlay City, serviced location includes Agency on Aging [page V-5]	ongoing	Goals 1,2
4531 Mobile drop-off provided in Findlay City, serviced location includes First Presbyterian Church [pages V-5, VI-12 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 1,2
4535 Mobile drop-off provided in Findlay City, serviced location includes Trinity Lutheran Church [pages V-5, VI-12 and VII-8 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 1,2

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Electronics Collection

5845 Electronics Collection Day - annual, District sponsored program offered to residents to provide alternative management option for electronics [pages IV-7 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 2,5
9007 Litter Landing E-Collection - District sponsored activity that provides year-round collection of electronics to residents [pages V-9 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	2011, ongoing	Goals 2,5

Household Hazardous Waste

1755 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day - annual, District sponsored event open to all county residents [pages IV-6 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 2,5
9006 Litter Landing HHW and Paint Collection - District sponsored program for the collection of paints, CFLs and HID bulbs at District facility for several months of the year [pages IV-7 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 2,5

Lead-Acid Battery Programs

9044 Brochure that lists existing recyclers/brokers - directory includes available outlets for LABs for the residential sector [pages IV-11 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 3,4
9043 Litter Landing HHW & Paint Collection - LABs are collected through this District program [page V-8 of Plan Update]	2012, ongoing	Goals 2,5

Other Facilities (1)

9009 Litter Landing - county-owned and District operated recycling facility used to process recyclables collected through District programs, appliances and also host for most special material collection events [pages IV-8 and VI-13 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 2,5
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Other Programs

4561 Adopt-a-Road - activity designed to clean-up county and township roadways; interested parties adopt a 2-mile stretch of road and promise to clean it four times a year - in turn, receive sign with group name [pages IV-7 and VI-13 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	n/a
9008 Litter Crew - District staff clean-up roadways that are not adopted through Adopt-a-Road program, responds to open dump calls and sheriff's dept. calls regarding dump sites along public roads [pages IV-8 and VI-13 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	n/a

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9014 Renovations to Litter Landing - includes structural upgrades and new storage building to increase storage capacity, house District offices, improve loading dock and improve glass processing operation [page V-9 of Plan Update]	2014	Goal 2
6520 Submission of the Annual District Report [page VI-13 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goal 8
Other Residential/Commercial Recycling		
4560 Christmas Tree Recycling - annual District sponsored activity that provides drop-off locations for christmas trees from December through mid-January [pages IV-6 and VI-13]	existing, ongoing	Goal 2
9003 District will survey commercial and government entities every three years	existing, ongoing	Goal 2
9015 Paper Shredding Day - annual collection event for residents and small businesses at the Hancock County Agricultural Service Center [pages V-10 and VI-13 of Plan Update]	2012, ongoing	Goal 2
Residential Sector Education and Awareness		
1749 Brochure that lists existing recyclers/brokers - directory of available outlets for household recyclables provided by District for residents [pages IV-11 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goal 3,4,5
6513 District website (pages IV-12 and VI-12 of Plan Update)	existing, ongoing	Goals 3, 4
9013 Public Education and Awareness - District provides an educational booth and bottle bins to collect recyclables at local annual events [pages IV-11 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 3,4
9012 Public Education and Awareness - District provides education to adult groups [pages IV-11 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 3,4
9011 Public Education and Awareness - District provides education to preschool and school age students related to recycling and littering [pages IV-11 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 3,4
1765 Spring Clean-up Day - annual countywide litter collection and beautification effort [pages IV-3 and VI-13 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	n/a
Scrap Tire Programs		
9000 Agricultural Tire Recycling Day - triannual, District sponsored collection event for residents that have larger agricultural tires [pages V-8 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	2013, ongoing	Goal 2

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8999 Collection of Scrap Tires at Hancock County Sanitary Landfill - year-round collection of scrap tires at county landfill for fee [pages IV-4 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 2, 5
1754 Tire Collection Days - provided at least once annually, District sponsored collection of scrap tires for residents [pages IV-4 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 2, 5
<i>Yard Waste Programs</i>		
7923 City of Findlay Broad Avenue Class IV facility [page VI-13 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goal 5
1760 Don't Bag It/Backyard Composting Program - education and awareness program targeting community adult organizations [pages IV-5 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 3, 4 and 5
8998 Findlay City Green Waste - city collection site for tree trimmings, brush, leaves and grass clippings [pages IV-5 and VI-12 of Plan Update]	2012, ongoing	Goals 2, 5
7924 Findlay Warehousing Company Incorporated - Class IV facility [page VI-13 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 2, 5
5848 Performance Soils - Class IV facility [page VI-13 of Plan Update]	existing, ongoing	Goals 2, 5