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By: [Signature] Date: 3-10-14

John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Craig W. Butler, Director

March 10, 2014

CERTIFIED

Mr. Aaron Wright
Lima Compost Facility/Wright Mulch Inc.
1227 Hanthorn Rd
Lima, OH 45804

Re: Lima Compost/Wright Mulch, Inc.
Director's Authorization
Approval
Compost
Allen County
CM019324

**Subject: Lima Compost Facility/Wright Mulch Inc., Allen County
Alternative Materials Request Approval**

Dear Mr. Wright:

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-560-205, the owner or operator of a Class II solid waste composting facility may accept an alternative feedstock after approval by the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA). On September 20, 2013, Ohio EPA received a request from Lima Compost Facility/Wright Mulch Inc. (Lima Compost), seeking approval to utilize an alternative feedstock. This Class II solid waste composting facility is located at 1227 Hanthorn Rd in Lima, Allen County, Ohio.

The alternative feedstock consists of EQ biosolids from the Lima Wastewater Treatment Plant. Lima Compost proposes to mix the EQ biosolids used as alternative feedstock at ten to fifteen percent of the total material to be composted.

The EQ biosolids described in written documentation submitted on September 20, 2013 is hereby approved by Ohio EPA for use as an alternative feedstock for composting at Lima Compost, subject to the following conditions:

1. The alternative feedstock shall be managed in accordance with written documentation submitted on September 20, 2013; OAC Chapter 3745-560, "Solid Waste Composting Regulations"; OAC Rule 3745-15-07, "Air Pollution Nuisances Prohibited"; and Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111, "Water Pollution Control."
2. Only the EQ biosolids generated by the Lima Wastewater Treatment Plant shall be accepted as an alternative feedstock at Lima Compost unless otherwise authorized by Ohio EPA in accordance with all applicable laws, including ORC Chapter 6111.

3. The Director of Ohio EPA (Director), or an authorized representative, may enter Lima Compost during reasonable times, in accordance with applicable law, to inspect, conduct tests, or examine records and reports concerning the utilization of the alternative feedstock and compliance with this authorization.
4. The EQ biosolids shall comprise no more than fifteen percent of the compost mixture.
5. If, in the judgment of Ohio EPA, the owner or operator is unable to abate nuisance conditions or has not complied with the conditions of this authorization, then the owner or operator shall, upon written notification, cease acceptance of the alternative feedstock and dispose of all material containing the alternative feedstock at a licensed solid waste landfill.
6. Testing requirements shall be fulfilled after the alternative feedstock has completed the thermophilic and curing stages of composting. The owner or operator shall have the cured compost tested for the parameters listed in Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4 as specified in OAC Rule 3745-560-230.
7. Cured compost that meets the quality standards limits found in Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4 of OAC Rule 3745-560-230 may be distributed for unrestricted use.
8. Cured compost that does not meet the acceptable quality standards stated in this approval shall be:
 - a. Recirculated into the composting process; or
 - b. Disposed of at a licensed solid waste disposal facility.
9. This alternative feedstock approval is issued solely to Lima Composting Facility/Wright Mulch Inc., and is not transferable upon change of ownership. No other persons may utilize the materials which are specified in this approval at Lima Compost.
10. This approval shall expire five years after the approval date. In order to receive authorization to continue using EQ biosolids as an alternative feedstock, Lima Composting Facility/Wright Mulch Inc. shall submit such information and forms as are required by Ohio EPA no later than 180 days prior to the expiration of this approval.

Issuance of this alternative feedstock approval does not constitute expressed or implied agreement that the monitoring of the facility, performed and implemented in accordance with this alternative feedstock approval and/or its terms and conditions, will constitute

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compliance with applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations. Nor does issuance of this approval assure that necessary operating permits or licenses will be granted.

You are notified that this action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission (Commission) pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 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 requests 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 this letter, please contact Deb Hoffman of Ohio EPA, DMWM at (614) 728-5353.

Sincerely,



Craig W. Butler
Director

CWB/DH/ljm

cc: Kristin Tillison, DMWM, NWDO
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