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**Re: Statewide Landfill, Stark County  
Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-13 Authorization**

Dear Mr. Acree:

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) received a request for authorization to install an oil and gas well at the Statewide Landfill. The documents were submitted by Great Lakes Energy Partners, L.L.C. (Great Lakes) on behalf of Waste Management of Ohio, Inc. (WMOI).

This request for authorization to engage in filling, grading, excavating, building, mining, and drilling activities was submitted in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-13.

Based upon review of the submitted request, Ohio EPA has determined that the proposed activities, if conducted in accordance with the following conditions, will not result in violation of applicable laws and regulations, will not create a nuisance, and are unlikely to adversely affect the public safety or health or the environment. Therefore, you are hereby authorized to perform the above activities in accordance with the submitted request and the following conditions:

1. This approval grants authorization to install an oil and gas well at the Statewide Landfill, located on Dueber Avenue, Canton Township, Stark County in accordance with the request submitted on March 31, 2003, and dated March 28, 2003. All activities must be conducted in strict accordance with the plans, specifications, and information submitted as part of this request. There may be no deviation from the approved plans without the express, written approval of Ohio EPA. Any future activities may require additional Ohio EPA approval.
2. Ohio EPA, Northeast District Office (NEDO), and the Stark County Health Department shall receive written notice not later than 72 hours prior to commencement of the proposed activities.

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3. All on-site activities shall be accomplished in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to environmental protection, including but not limited to the control of air pollution, leachate, surface water run-on and run-off, and protection of ground water.
4. All activities undertaken shall not create a nuisance and shall not adversely affect public safety or health or the environment.
5. All solids, including drill cuttings, shall be removed from the site. These materials shall be properly characterized and managed in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 3734 and regulations promulgated thereunder.
6. All liquids shall be removed from the site. These materials shall be properly containerized, characterized, and managed in accordance with ORC Chapter 6111 and regulations promulgated thereunder.
7. Pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-13(H), this authorization shall terminate 18 months after its effective date unless:
  - a. Great Lakes begins the activities outlined in this authorization; or
  - b. Great Lakes has entered into a binding contractual obligation to undertake and complete the activities outlined in this authorization within 24 months of its effective date.
8. Nothing in this letter shall be construed to authorize any waiver from any requirements of applicable state solid waste laws or regulations. This authorization shall not be interpreted to release WMOI or others from responsibility under ORC Chapters 3704, 3714, 3734, or 6111; the Federal Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act or the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; or from other applicable requirements for remedying conditions resulting from any release of contaminants from the facility to the environment.

You are hereby notified that this action of the Director of Environmental Protection is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission (Commission) pursuant to ORC Section 3745.04. The appeal must be made in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. It must be filed with the Commission within 30 days after notice of the director's action. A copy of the appeal must be served on the director within three days of filing with the commission. An appeal may be filed with the commission at the following address:

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Environmental Review Appeals Commission  
309 South Front Street  
Room 222  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

If you have any questions concerning this authorization, please contact Scott Winkler of Ohio EPA NEDO at (330) 963-1220.

Sincerely,

Christopher Jones  
Director

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cc: Scott Hester, DSIWM-CO  
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Kurk Norris, Stark County Health Department  
Tim Haaf, Waste Management