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Mary Blai, President
Central Waste, Inc.
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**RE: Central Waste, Inc. Landfill, Mahoning County
Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b) Approval**

Dear Ms. Blai:

In a report dated November 26, 2003, Central Waste, Inc. submitted a request to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b), to reinstate ground water monitoring well MW-11S back into the detection monitoring program at Central Waste, Inc. Landfill (Facility) located in Mahoning County. Monitoring well MW-11S indicated elevated ammonia levels during the December 2001 and June 2002 sampling events.

According to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b), the director can approve reinstatement of the detection monitoring program if the owner or operator demonstrates that a source other than the facility caused the contamination, or that the statistically significant change resulted from error in sampling, analysis, statistical evaluation, or natural variation in ground water quality. The November 26, 2003, report concludes that the statistically significant changes in ammonia identified in monitoring well MW-11S during the December 2001 and June 2002 sampling events were the result of natural variation in ground water quality.

Ohio EPA has reviewed the report, and we concur with the above conclusion. Therefore, pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b), I hereby approve reinstatement of monitoring well MW-11S back into the detection monitoring program for ammonia.

Should future or existing ground water sampling results indicate statistically significant changes in ground water monitoring parameters, the owner or operator will be required to either enter the assessment monitoring program in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E) or obtain approval to remain in the detection monitoring program in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c).

Bob Taft, Governor
Jennette Bradley, Lieutenant Governor
Christopher Jones, Director

Nothing in this letter shall be construed to authorize any waiver from any requirements of applicable state solid waste laws or regulations. This letter shall not be interpreted to release the Facility from responsibility under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapters 3704, 3714, 3734, or 6111; under the Federal Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, or the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; or from other applicable requirements for remedying conditions resulting from any release of contaminants 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 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 thirty (30) days after notice of the director's action. A copy of the appeal must be served on the director within three (3) days after filing with the Commission. An appeal may be filed with the Commission at the following address:

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

If you have any questions concerning this approval, please contact Katharina Snyder of Ohio EPA's Northeast District Office at (330) 963-1257.

Sincerely,

Christopher Jones
Director

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cc: Katharina Snyder, DSIWM-NEDO
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