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Mr. Robert Taylor
Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority
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**Re: Richland County Landfill, Richland County
Explosive Gas Monitoring Plan Approval**

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On May 17, 2004, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management (DSIWM), Northwest District Office (NWDO) received an Explosive Gas Monitoring Plan (EGMP), dated May 13, 2004, for the closed Richland County Landfill (Facility) located in Richland County. This document was prepared and submitted by Environmental Management & Consulting, Inc. (EM&C) on behalf of the Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority (Authority).

The May 13, 2004, EGMP replaces the previous Richland County Landfill EGMP, which was approved by Ohio EPA in 1990 and implemented at the Facility the following year. The updated EGMP incorporates all changes in system design, monitoring frequency, monitoring equipment, and the number of gas monitors since the implementation of the original plan.

The EGMP, dated May 13, 2004, was submitted pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-12 and consists of the following documents: Explosive Gas Monitoring System Design and Explosive Gas Monitoring, Sampling, and Reporting Procedures.

Ohio EPA reviewed the submitted plan and associated information, and we have determined that it meets applicable requirements. Therefore, I hereby approve the revised EGMP for the closed Richland County Landfill. As part of this approval, the Authority is subject to the following conditions:

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

CONDITIONS

1. The director of Ohio EPA (Director), or a representative authorized by the Director, may enter the Facility premises at any time during construction or operation to inspect, conduct tests, or examine records and reports pertaining to the construction, modification, or installation of the explosive gas monitoring system, or for any other lawful purpose.
2. Issuance of this approval does not constitute expressed or implied agreement that the monitoring of the Facility performed and implemented in accordance with the approved EGMP and/or its terms and conditions will constitute compliance with applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations, nor does issuance of this plan approval ensure that necessary operating permits or licenses will be granted.
3. 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 Authority 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 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

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If you have any questions concerning this approval, please contact Jamie Squibb of Ohio EPA, NWDO at (419) 373-3063.

Sincerely,

Christopher Jones
Director

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