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Mr. Robert Taylor, Director
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**Re: Richland County Landfill, Richland County
OAC Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c)(ii), Decline to Approve**

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On February 25, 2004, Environmental Management and Consulting, Inc. (EM&C), on behalf of the Richland County Solid Waste Management District (District), submitted to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management (DSIWM), Northwest District Office (NWDO) a letter regarding a ground water demonstration pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c)(ii) for the Richland County Landfill (Facility) located in Richland County. The letter noted that statistically significant increases had occurred for the following contaminants at the following monitoring wells and also requested to keep these monitoring wells in the detection monitoring program.

- COD in monitoring well A-15UA
- Sodium in monitoring well A-11UA
- Manganese in monitoring well A-17UA

The request was submitted in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c)(ii), which states, in part, that the owner or operator may demonstrate that a source other than the sanitary landfill facility caused the contamination or that the statistically significant increase over background resulted from error in sampling, analysis, or statistical evaluation or natural variation in ground water quality.

Based on the information contained in the request, the owner or operator has not provided sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the statistically significant increases in COD in monitoring well A-15UA, sodium in monitoring well A-11UA, and manganese in monitoring well A-17UA were not a result of the landfill. Therefore, at this time, I decline to grant

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approval to continue ground water detection monitoring for these contaminants at the
aforementioned monitoring wells.

A detailed account of Ohio EPA's review of the ground water demonstration will be sent to
you under separate cover.

If you have any questions concerning this document, please contact Mary Ann Miller at the
Ohio EPA, NWDO at (419) 373-3060.

Sincerely,

Christopher Jones
Director

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cc: Ms. Mary Ann Miller, DSIWM-NWDO
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