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Putnam County Commissioners
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**Re: Putnam County Landfill, Putnam County
Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b); Decline to Approve**

Dear Commissioners:

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) has completed a review of the report received on November 25, 2003, which summarized findings of the semi-annual September 2003 ground water quality sampling event conducted at the Putnam County Landfill (Facility) located in Putnam County. This report includes information on a statistically significant increase in the concentration of sodium in monitoring well MW-1.

Pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b), the owner or operator may demonstrate that a source other than the facility caused the contamination, or the increase resulted from error during sampling, analysis, evaluation, or natural variation in groundwater. The November 2003 report represents the Facility's demonstration, in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b), that the statistically significant increase of sodium in monitoring well MW-1 was not the result of impact from the landfill.

Based on a review of the report, Ohio EPA has determined that the Facility has not provided sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the increase in sodium at monitoring well MW-1 was not a result of the landfill. Therefore, I decline to approve reinstatement of ground water detection monitoring for sodium at MW-1.

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

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

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Sincerely,



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