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Putnam County Commissioners
245 East Main Street, Suite 101
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**Re: Putnam County Landfill, Putnam County
Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b) Approval**

Dear Commissioners:

On March 20, 2006, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management (DSIWM), Northwest District Office (NWDO) received a document titled "OAC 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c) Demonstration for MW-1; Response to Ohio EPA Comments Dated January 17, 2006; Putnam County Landfill" dated March 17, 2006, for the Putnam County Landfill (Facility) located in Putnam County. On May 8, 2006, Ohio EPA, NWDO, received a document titled "Clarification to OAC 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c) Demonstration for MW-1 Dated March 17, 2006; Putnam County Landfill" dated April 29, 2006 for the Facility. These documents were submitted by Eagon & Associates, Inc. on behalf of the Putnam County Commissioners pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b), and requested reinstatement of the ground water detection monitoring program for specific monitoring wells at the Facility and to release the owner or operator from the obligation to comply with the ground water quality assessment monitoring program implemented due to the detection of a statistically significant change for sodium in monitoring well MW-1 during the September 2005 ground water sampling event at the Facility.

Pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b), the owner or operator may demonstrate that a source other than the sanitary landfill facility caused the contamination, or that the statistically significant change resulted from error in sampling, analysis, or statistical evaluation or from natural variation in ground water quality and request that the director approve reinstatement of the detection monitoring program.

The April 29, 2006 document concluded that the statistically significant change for sodium in monitoring well MW-1 was likely due to natural variability in ground water quality, and not as a result of impact from the landfill. Ohio EPA has reviewed the applicable information and concurs with this conclusion. Therefore, pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E)(9)(b), I hereby approve reinstatement of the ground water detection monitoring program for the monitoring wells in the ground water quality assessment monitoring program, noted above, and release the owner or operator from the obligation to comply with this assessment monitoring program at the Facility. This approval of reinstatement of the detection monitoring program applies to monitoring well MW-1.

Bob Taft, Governor
Bruce Johnson, Lieutenant Governor
Joseph P. Koncelik, Director

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 into the ground water quality assessment monitoring program in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-10(E) or obtain approval to remain in the detection monitoring program pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-10(D)(7)(c).

This approval shall not be construed to release the owner or operator from the obligation to comply with the requirements of any other ground water quality assessment monitoring program being conducted at the Facility.

You are hereby notified that this action of the Director of Ohio EPA (Director) is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission (Commission) pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 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 letter, please contact Kimberly Burnham of Ohio EPA, NWDO at (419) 373-3049.

Sincerely,

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